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Dear

## **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information on the importation of reindeer which we received on 4 January 2019. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"..relates to reindeer imported into the UK from other countries as recorded on TRACES system.

- For year 2018, how many reindeer were imported to the UK from other countries?
- Please provide details of:
- The countries these reindeer originated from
- How many reindeer came from each country and the number of consignments"

The number of reindeer and the number of consignments imported into the UK in 2018 is as follows:

<b>Country from</b>	Consignments	Animals
Finland	1	31
Germany	1	1
Netherlands	1	15
2018 Total	3	47

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) are not able to provide any data regarding the number of imports from third countries, as these are covered by a commodity code in TRACES which will not allow us to break the species down as far as reindeer for third country imports.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs working to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

The data regarding reindeer imports has been extracted from TRACES. The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into TRACES by a third party.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

I attach an Annex which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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#### Annex

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