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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on imported dogs from Romania which we received on 15 January 2019. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

Please list all the organisations that have imported dogs from Romania in each of the following calendar years:

2014
2015
2016
2017

If figures for 2018 are available please also give these figures.

If possible, please list how many dogs each organisation has imported in each year?

| Year of Export | Sum of the number of consignments | Sum of the number of animals | Count of Importer |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2014 | 323 | 3756 | 82 |
| 2015 | 1582 | 8155 | 902 |
| 2016 | 3408 | 11640 | 2212 |
| 2017 | 6493 | 15556 | 4709 |
| 2018 | 10350 | 17195 | 7822 |
| Grand total | 22156 | 560302 | 15727 |

Please be advised that the number of importers include both organisations and individuals who have imported animals from Romania.

TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System) is a European Commission system employed by EU member states to facilitate and record animal/animal product movements into and throughout the EU. This data was extracted from TRACES through the Qlikview reporting facility. The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We can't guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into TRACES by a third party.

Two of the requirements on an Intra Trade Animal Health Certificate (ITAHC) are the premises of origin and its destination. The origin/destination is either a private person (name and address) who has imported the dogs using an organisation or the organisation itself. The TRACES system does not differentiate between the two and therefore the information on the name of the organisation/person has been exempted applying Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Section 40

The information contained within the request has been withheld under section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i) (third party personal data), of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to a third party. Section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i), of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the DPA, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data, in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data, second, disclosure would not satisfy any of the conditions for data processing set out in Schedule 2 to the DPA. Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the FOIA.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI) 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

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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