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[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on exported chickens which we received clarity for on 29 April 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I am looking for the number of breeder chickens exported per year from the UK”. This was reduced down to the year 2019 but for both EU and 3<sup>rd</sup> country exports.

The number of Chickens exported to the EU from the UK that were certified for breeding in 2019 was 6,796,967.

Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) has access to UK statistical data from the EU Commission’s Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) system, for commercial exports to the EU. The information extracted from here is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. APHA 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.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) issues Export Health Certificates (EHC) for animals and products of animal origin. The total number of EHC’s issued for Poultry to Third countries in 2019 was 594. APHA does not record the number of animals certified on each certificate, the species or purpose for the exports of poultry to Third Countries.

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.

An Annex is attached 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. During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our offices will be closed.

Yours sincerely

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

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## Annex

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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