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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on a trophy import which we received on 19 July 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“The CITES Trade Database shows that hunting trophies of black rhinoceros were imported into Britain in 2008.

Please provide me with all documentation relating to this trophy import, including any documentation submitted in support of the import permit application and all documents and copies of deliberations by officials.”

APHA can confirm that a trophy specimen of *Diceros bicornis* was imported in 2008, however due to our data retention policy we no longer hold copies of documents relating to this trophy import.

What APHA can supply is the scientific advice which allowed us to issue permits for this trophy to be imported, as this is still held on a local database and detailed below.

The quota for hunting trophies in 2006 was 5 animals which were adult male specimens. According to Conference Resolution 13.5 only one rhino trophy is permitted to be imported in one calendar year per applicant.

Once the quota details were added to the goods description box a permit was issued.

There were 2 applications for this same hunting trophy because the first permit expired before the item could be exported from South Africa.

On the second application:

The initial details were unchanged, however APHA are now consistently applying these conditions to all trophy imports.

The following conditions were added and a further permit issued:

- (1) This specimen may only be used for personal purposes
- (2) This specimen may not be sold, exchanged or otherwise traded.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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