



Our Ref: ATIC2157

[REDACTED]
{By Email}

15 October 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on imports which we received clarity for on 11 September 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 writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- The number of applications made to register for IPAFFS, by month, from the point at which businesses were first able to register to date.
- The number of applications for IPAFFS approved, by month, from the point at which businesses were first able to register to date.
- The percentage of AEO applications approved by month from the point at which businesses were first able to register to date.
- The total number of UK businesses currently registered to use the EU TRACES system.”

APHA asked for clarity which was received on the 11 September 2020 as follows:

“Thank you for coming back to me for clarification. I’ll answer your queries in order:

- Ideally it would cover the period from which they were able to register
- I don’t mean consignments so much as registrations by the businesses with the system so they can then enter their consignments – if this is a misunderstanding of the system, please advise.
- Finally the last entry is a typo and AEO should be read as IPAFFS”

The number of registrations for the Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS) per calendar month can be found in Appendix 1 attached.

No request for registrations were ever approved as this is not an element of the system to approve registrations, and is open to anyone who wants to create an account.

No consignments from third countries were approved on the (IPAFFS) as it is not yet operational, all consignments were validated using existing trade systems which remain in place during the Transition Period.

IPAFFS is currently in use as a notification tool for imports of live animals and germinal products from the EU into GB in parallel with the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES).

The number of UK registered users on TRACES are approximately 6370.

N.B. The figure of 6370 on the TRACES system indicates the number of accounts that have been registered which includes exporters as well as importers and does not take account of those that have become inactive over time. APHA are unable to determine from the TRACES system how many of these accounts are currently active as the system is centrally managed by the EU.

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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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Water Lane
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