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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on livestock exports which we received on 12 October 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 have assisted breeders with exports and applied for Export Health Certificates on their behalf since 2012. Now that the export procedure is about to change and we are asked to use new facilities and systems I would very much like to understand the volume of exports from the UK to the EU over the last ten years. I understand that I can ask for this information under the Freedom of Information Act.

My specific interest is the export of UK livestock for *breeding*. It may be that figures are combined with live animals for *production* but I hope that there is a way to differentiate between the two. I am therefore asking for numbers per annum of -

- ovine for breeding
- caprine for breeding
- bovine for breeding
- and registered equidae”

The information you have requested can be found in Appendix 1.

The attached data covers registered horses and ovine, caprine and bovine animals exported to the EU for breeding. 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. It is not possible to obtain data from TRACES prior to 2015.

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.

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

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## Annex

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