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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the export of a lion, which we received on 20 December 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I am sorry to ask you about the CITES export license of 10 years ago.

Could you please tell us about the license for the one lion (*Panthera leo*) exported from your country to Japan in 2010 whose origin was Germany?  
(Please refer to the attached file from the CITES Trade Database.)

1) Why is the source code "D" used for this lion, even though there is no lion captive-breeding facility registered with the CITES Secretariat?”

Source code D was applied, as this was the source code listed on the German EC certificate presented with the re-export permit application. Further enquiries regarding this certificate would need to be directed to the Management Authority in Germany.

“2) Is this lion an African Lion (*Panthera leo*) or an Asiatic lion (*Panthera leo persica*)?”

The specimen is listed on our records *Panthera leo*. This species is Appendix II (Annex B). (*Panthera leo persica* is listed on Appendix I and Annex A). See link below.

<https://cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php>

“3) The CITES Trade Database reveals no lions from Germany that were exported to your country, nor any lions born in Germany that were exported to your country before 2010. Why does this lion exported from your country to Japan in 2010 have a German (code: DE) origin?

I am wondering if this lion has a proper export license and would appreciate a response.”

Our records indicate that this Lion was born in Germany. It came into the UK with an EC certificate issued by the German management Authority, number DE-M-080624146 issued 24/06/08.. No permits were required to move this specimen from Germany to the UK as this was an internal EU movement.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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