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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about international trade, which we received on 04 May 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

The following were passed to APHA to respond to from an original request sent to Defra who will be responding to the remaining.

“2. THE NUMBER OF PHYSICAL INSPECTIONS AT THE POINTS OF DESTINATION FOR HIGH RISK PLANTS SINCE 1 JANUARY 2021?”

High Risk Plants are defined in the “Plant Health (Phytosanitary Conditions) (Amendment) (EUExit) Regulations 2020 Annex6 Part B as amended.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1527/schedule/6/made>

These are high-risk plants, plant products and other objects from third countries which may not be introduced into Great Britain pending a risk assessment.

We also have a list of High Priority Plants which relates to Plants imported from the EU that are a high priority for inspection.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-plants-and-plant-products-from-the-eu-to-great-britain-and-northern-ireland#importing-from-the-eu-to-gb>

APHA can confirm that 6438 consignments have been inspected at destination since 01 January 2021 for high risk plants.

“3. THE NUMBER OF PHYSICAL INSPECTIONS AT THE POINT OF DESTINATION FOR LIVE ANIMALS SINCE 1 JANUARY 2021?”

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An update to your request was received on the 11 May 2021 as follows:

"So please could I amend to a request for the first four months i.e. including April."

The information you have requested is in the tables below:

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) issues Export Health Certificates (EHC) for animals and products of animal origin.

The number of EHC issued for EU and third country in the four months of 2020 and 2021 are as follows;

MONTH	2020	2021
January	8,740	46,768
February	6,338	35,140
March	6,157	37,943
April	5,420	29,471

The number of EHC issued in the first four months of 2021 for EU exports are as follows;

MONTH	2021
January	38,045
February	25,043
March	28,219
April	21,186

The number of post import checks allocated since 1 January 2021 for live animals are 282 which cover England, Scotland, and Wales.

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Yours sincerely

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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