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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 trade in Germplasm, which APHA received on 26 August 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Would it be possible to get a figures for the total number of certificates issued for all livestock and poultry as germplasm of breeding stock for each of the last few years.

APHA wrote to you on the seeking clarity on your request and you responded on the 14 September 2021 with:

“Its export data for the last 5 years by year.”

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.

We are unable to specify which of these exports of germplasm were for the purpose of breeding from our records as the purpose for export is listed as 'artificial reproduction'.

The data for EU Exports has been taken from TRACES. This data shows number of consignments.

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. TRACES hold data for five years, so we can provide data from 2016 to 2020.

Year	Number of consignments
2016	4258
2017	5799
2018	5590
2019	5050
2020	4616

The data for Rest of World (RoW) exports is based on the number of EHCs issued. The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) issues Export Health Certificates (EHC) for animals and products of animal origin.

APHA's data retention period for export certification is three years so APHA no longer hold any records for export consignments carried out prior to 2018.

	EHCs issued
2020	1021
2019	1048
2018	933

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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