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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about livestock classifications which APHA

received on 20 December 2021. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Would it be possible at all to have statistics on the different types of farming in the UK such as the number of factory farms/CAFO farms? Including which livestock they have if possible.

From the research I have conducted so far it looks like there are approximately 800 CAFO farms currently in the UK but I would really a more reliable source and statistic if you are able to supply this?

I am also looking for definitions for the different types of farming, I have come across terms such as Mega farms, factory farms, industrial farms and CAFOs farms. Are these all terms for the same type of farming?

I understand you use classifications according to the size of the farm however, do you have classifications such as CAFO, free-range etc?”

APHA wrote to you to seek clarity on your request and received the following on the 27 December 2021 as follows:

“To clarify, I am interested in learning the different classifications used for pigs. In America, they use CAFO farming (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) what is the UK's version of this called? Intensive farming, factory farming? According to several charities, there is over 800 operating in the UK however, I am looking for more reliable information which is why I have contacted you.”

Please see attached list at Appendix 1 which details each registered unit in GB. Please be aware that the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) record these details at first

registration and are used for our disease control purposes. The classifications we use are stated in the Appendix 1. Where any blanks are shown indicates this information is not held. Farms are not classified by numbers but by purpose.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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