



Our Ref: ATIC2686



{By Email}

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Dear 

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the export and import of equine/equidae skins, which APHA received on 20 February 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“We have the following questions regarding the export and import of equine/equidae skins:

### **2020 data:**

- 1) What countries did the UK export equine skins to during 2020?
- 2) How many tonnes/kilos (or number of equine skins) were exported from the UK in 2020?
- 3) How many export licences for equine skins were granted in 2020?
- 4) Is there any indication on a license of what the exported skins will be used for – i.e food product or fashion?
- 5) How many of these UK export licences for equine skins granted in 2020 relate to a) dried b) chilled c) frozen
- 6) How many export licences for equine skins were granted in 2020 in a) Devon b) Somerset c) Wiltshire d) Derbyshire e) West Yorkshire?
- 7) How many tonnes/kilos or number of equine skins were imported into the UK in 2020?

### **Historic data:**

- 8) How many tonnes/kilos (or number) of equine skins was exported from the UK per year from 2010 to 2019?
- 9) How many tonnes/kilos (or number) of equine skins were imported into the UK per year from 2010 to 2019?
- 10) How many UK export licences for equine skins were granted per year between 2010-2019?

- 11) How many of these UK export licences for equine skins granted per year between 2010-2020 related to a) dried b) chilled c) frozen?
- 12) How many export licences for equine skins were granted per year between 2010-2020 in a) Devon b) Somerset c) Wiltshire d) Derbyshire e) West Yorkshire?"

APHA can confirm that it is a nil return for all UK exports of Equine/Equidae skins during 2020 and for previous historic years.

APHA data shows there has been 1 import of Equidae Leather which was imported from China into the UK in 2019 : 1 container with a Total Net Weight of 1,250KG and a Total Gross Weight 1,328KG.

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.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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