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[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

18 March 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

## **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information about dog imports, which APHA received on 21 February 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“As per your suggestion please may I have:

For research dogs destined to or from UK Establishments licenced under section 2c of ASPA (this would include to contract laboratories, universities and breeding establishments).

Figures for 2018 – 2021:

For imports, the number of dogs, number of consignments and the countries of origin (EU and non-EU).

For exports the number of consignments but not the number of dogs as this is not recorded.

I understand figures cannot be split between specific establishments, however if you do have available a split between the classification of commercial, higher education, breeding and other I would be grateful.”

This was a follow on request from ATIC2646 where you asked for information relating to specific organisations and APHA refused under Section 40 (3<sup>rd</sup> party information).

The information you requested that is held by APHA can be found in the attached Appendix 1.

For 2018 to 2020 the data for commercial dogs imported from EU and RoW (Rest of World) was extracted from TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System) through the data warehouse facility by searching for imports of canis familiaris. We have also provided the data for what the animal was certified for where the information was provided.

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

For 2021 since we left the EU, the import data was collated from PIMS which is APHA's (Post Import Management System) and accounts for all Imports that have been entered using IPAFFS (Import of products, animals, food and feed system). The purpose of movement data is provided where available.

For the year 2021 the RoW import data was extracted from IPAFFS (Import of products, animals, food and feed system).

The data extracted for exports to RoW for 2018 to 2021 does not provide the purpose of movement or the number of animals as this is not currently recorded on the system. We have provided the country of destination and the number of EHCs (Export Health Certificate) issued.

Since leaving the EU APHA issues EHC's for dogs to EU. We are unable to provide the number of dogs as this information is not recorded only the number of consignments.

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 and IPAFFS by a third party.

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.

An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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