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[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about livestock imports, which APHA received on 06 April 2022. 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 for you to provide us with import data for 2019, 2020 and 2021 of the number of live animals and consignments by species (cattle, sheep, goats and pigs), and UK port of entry.”

The information APHA have access to can be found in the attached document, Appendix 1. This is for the year 2021.

The import data pre 2021 is only available through the European Union (EU) TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System) through the data warehouse facility. Unfortunately at this time the reports APHA use to extract this data are unavailable. This has been reported to TRACES but unfortunately the situation remains unresolved. Therefore at this time we cannot provide any data from the TRACES system and the information requested prior to 2021 is not held by APHA.

The data we have provided has been taken from two systems the Post Import Management System (PIMS) and the Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS).

The information provided is a true reflection of the information APHA have access to. APHA can't guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into the system by a third party. For Imports from the rest of the world the border control post is the port of entry.

For imports from the EU the port of entry field is a free text box on IPAFFS so we can only provide data based on IPAFFS entry's made by the importer. This is why there may

be some ports of entry outside of the UK. The same will apply to any where the port of entry is not supplied.

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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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