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PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about poultry imports, which APHA received on 13 April 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

"Please tell me the total number of pheasants and partridges (including hatching eggs and day old chicks) imported into Scotland over the last five years.

Please break the data down by year, country of origin and hatching egg/chick status."

You sent further clarity on the 14 April 2022 as follows:

Please can you adjust the timescale to financial years – from 2017/18 to 2021/22?

The export and import data between 2017 and 2020 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 we use to extract this data are unavailable. This has been reported to the system owners but unfortunately the situation remains unresolved. Therefore at this time we cannot provide any data from the TRACES system.

Please find attached (Appendix 1) the data that APHA have access to for the total number of pheasants and partridges (including hatching eggs and day old chicks) imported into Scotland. This data is for EU imports only, the total number of Rest of World (RoW) imports for this commodity during 2021 and 2022 is Zero.

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 the system by a third party.

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.

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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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