



Our Ref: ATIC2755

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{By Email}

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Dear [Redacted]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about horse and pony exports, which APHA received on 28 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:

“Please could you inform me of the number of horses and ponies exported from the United Kingdom every year since 2011? Please could this be broken down by year and brought up to the most available date.”

The export data provided is for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 only.

The export data between 2017 and 2018 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 report to DG Sante TRACES but unfortunately the situation remains unresolved.

Therefore at this time we cannot provide any data from the TRACES system. This information is not held by APHA.

Year	Total number of certificates
2019	18,150
2020	14,729
2021	22,110
2022	7607

Please be aware for exports we can only provide the total number of certificates issued, Multiple horses can travel on 1 certificate so we cannot provide a total number of animals for exports.

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.

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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

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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