



Our Ref: ATIC2764

[REDACTED]
{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about livestock exports, which APHA received on 06 May 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000].

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“Under the terms of the FOI Act 2000, I wish to make the following request for information, regarding live farm animals exported from Great Britain (i.e. England, Wales and Scotland – **not** Northern Ireland) to continental Europe (or beyond), **for slaughter or fattening (not ‘breeding’)**, and any ‘long journeys’ over 8 hours requiring a ‘journey log’ to Ireland, for journeys undertaken in 2021.

In particular I would be most grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. How many live a) cattle b) sheep c) pigs and d) other livestock animals have left the port of i) Dover ii) Ramsgate iii) Ipswich iv) Liverpool v) Cairnryan vi) any other port in Great Britain between 1st January and 31st December 2021 **for the purpose of slaughter or fattening** (please specify purpose of export – slaughter or fattening).
2. How many a) weaned b) unweaned i) cattle ii) sheep iii) pigs d) other livestock animals have been exported in each of the above shipments?
3. In each of the above cases referred to in questions 1, what was the a) GB country of origin and b) country of destination?
4. How many (transporters) trucks were on each journey, which species of animal and how many animals?
5. How many animals died in transit / before arrival at the final destination in each journey (and what the recorded reason for this death was)?
6. On what date did each of these crossings occur?
7. Any statutory notices that were issued during each of the journeys listed in response to questions 1.

8. According to the journey plan / logs, what was the **a) estimated b) actual journey i) time ii) distance for each of the above journeys (including proposed lairage / rest stops during the journey/ journey cycle)**?
9. How many animals in each consignment were subsequently 're-exported' to i) a third country or ii) another European Union Member State at a date subsequent to the original export from Great Britain.

Animal Health has previously informed us of these journeys up to 31st December 2020. I am therefore now seeking information for more recent live farm animal exports *for slaughter and/or fattening*, from Great Britain, in the last calendar year (2020)

Regarding the issue on journey times (point 8). I understand that you do not collect the actual journey time data. However, I also understand that you do have the proposed ('estimated') journey time for each vehicle and the proposed number of lairage / rest stops as estimated by the driver/operator, via the journey log submitted to you. Indeed, you have provided this to us previously in another FOI response on the issue of live animal exports. I believe this would satisfy the outstanding data pertaining to point 8. Can I therefore request that all of that data is provided to us on this issue (i.e. proposed journey time and/or distance and the number of proposed rest stops)?

Regarding point 3. I don't believe there should be any restriction in providing this information, your previous response said you don't have information on county of origin / destination, which seems odd. Regardless, this has been amended to cover country of origin / destination. Hopefully that is acceptable."

APHA can confirm that no consignments were exported for slaughter or fattening and any 'long journeys' over 8 hours requiring a 'journey log' to Ireland, for journeys undertaken in 2021.

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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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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