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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about animal health certificates, which APHA received on 11 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:

“I was hoping to request data on the issuing of Animal Health Certificates (AHCs) in the UK

The Data range I would like would be from the introduction of AHC's (Jan 1st 2021) to the present day.

I would like data on:

“The total Number of AHC Unique Certificate Numbers have been issued and used”

APHA have processed 5,079 applications from vet practices for Unique Certificate Numbers (UCN's) since the 1 January 2021. In each application we provided 50 UCN's, which totals 253,950.

“The location that these AHC's have been issued to (county level is fine but the more accurate the location the better)”

The UCN's are issued to the vet practice email address, we do not have a record of where they are located in the UK.

“The number of AHC's issued in each language (i.e English/french, English/german English/spanish etc)”

The language of the Animal Health Certificate (AHC) is selected by the vet practice when they are completing the forms on behalf of the pet owner. APHA do not hold data on the number of AHC's that are issued in a particular language.

“The number of AHC's recorded at each entry and exit port (Dover, Folkstone, Heathrow etc)”

We do not hold any data on the number of AHC's recorded at each entry and exit port. Each port would need to be contacted separately to request this data.

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

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Annex

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