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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 embryonated eggs, which APHA received on 27 June 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested, and the response is detailed below:

“1) Reference to the legislation for setting and monitoring welfare standards for egg laying hens used in closed systems specifically for the laying of Clean and SPF eggs.

The legislation concerning welfare provisions for laying hens is Council Directive 1999/74/EC, and a link is attached.

[Council Directive 1999/74/EC of 19 July 1999 laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens \(legislation.gov.uk\)](http://legislation.gov.uk/uk/acts/1999/74)

2) Statistics on the number of eggs produced in the UK for this purpose; 2021/22 2020/21 2019/20

APHA do not hold this information

3) Statistics on the number of eggs imported into the UK from the EU for this purpose; 2021/22,2020/21,2019/20

4) Statistics on the number of eggs imported into the UK from outside the EU for this purpose;2021/22,2020/21,2019/20

For question 3 and 4, please see attached Appendix 1

Please be aware some of the EU data is showing blank in column F (total Number of animals) I have highlighted these in red, this is due to the data not being input into the system by the importer.

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.

Please also be aware that the latest egg statistics are available on the link below, for future reference:

[Latest UK egg statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

5) Any relevant legislation on the ethical use of embryos in the field of immunology in the UK;”

APHA do not hold this information.

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An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

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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