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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about plant imports, which APHA received on 30 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:

As part of a Freedom of Information Request, please could you supply the following information:

For the period January 2021 (shown month by month) to April 2022 FOR HIGH PRIORITY PLANTS / PRODUCE, NOTIFIABLE PLANTS / PRODUCE AND ARTICLE 73 PLANTS / PRODUCE (including cut flowers for all)

- Number of PEACH / IPAFFS applications (total)
- Number of PEACH / IPAFFS applications (EU)
- Number of PEACH / IPAFFS applications (ROW)
- Number of Identify checks by location
- Number of Physical Checks by location
- Number of Failures (total)

The information requested can be found in Appendix 1.

Please note that high-priority plants are a specific designation assigned to the movement of plants, plant products and other objects from the EU, a list of these can be found on the Plant Health Portal at the following link <https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/eu-exit-guidance/imports/eu-goods-requiring-a-pc-and-pre-notification-in-2021-and-2022/#jan-21>

This data therefore does not include information related to high-priority plants from the Rest of the World (RoW).

All high-priority goods from the EU are currently checked at Places of Destination (PoD).

Requirements for pre-notification of notifiable produce and cut flowers from the EU began on the 01 January 2022, with no physical, identity and documentary checks currently being undertaken.

Finally the Article 73 inspections include some inspections that may not be limited solely to Article 73 goods, such as inspections for passenger baggage or postal inspections.

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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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