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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about enforcement actions under the Ivory Act which APHA received on 5 July 2022. You received a response to the first part of your enquiry on 11 July 2022 from the RT HON The Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park. The response advised your request for recorded information was being dealt with as an Environmental Information Regulations request by the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

"I would also be grateful to have sight of statistics showing all enforcement actions taken under the Ivory Act since 2018".

Although the Ivory Act received Royal Assent in December 2018, implementation of the Act was delayed due to a Judicial Review launched by The Friends of Antique Cultural Treasures Limited in November 2019. The court of Appeal upheld the decision of the High Court in June 2020 and the Ivory Act came into force on the 6 June 2022.

To date there has been no completed enforcement actions taken by APHA.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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