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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about non-human primate imports, which APHA received on 31 October 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“For research purposes only, non-human primates (NHPs), destined for UK Establishments licenced under section 2c of ASPA (this would include to contract laboratories, universities and breeding establishments).

Figures for the year 2022 to date

For imports only (EU and non-EU)

Arrival Date

Country of Origin i.e. the place of the start of their journey

Country when first entered European Customs

Commodity species Name

Purpose of movement only RESEARCH

Number of consignments

Commodities Number of animals

UK entry port”

The information you are entitled to can be found in Appendix 1.

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into external customer facing systems by third parties.

The information regarding port of entry has been exempted from release citing Section 38 of the Freedom of Information act (FOIA) 2000.

Section 38

Section 38 (1) (b) refers to the exemption from the duty to provide information if it would, or would be likely to affect anyone's health or safety. The exemption in Section 38 is subject to a Public Interest Test to ensure it is being appropriately applied.

Public Interest Test

We recognise that there is a general presumption in favour of transparency and openness concerning the import of research animals, and providing the general public with the right to request access to information held by public authorities. .

However, APHA feel that there is a stronger public interest in withholding the information as the confirmation of port of entry would be likely to, endanger the health and safety of staff at these ports. This poses a substantial risk to the health and safety of individuals associated with this type of work that would be of significant severity and likely to occur in some cases. We consider this to be a significant factor in favour of maintaining the exemption.

APHA has balanced the real threat to the health and safety of individuals which disclosure of the requested information would be likely to cause, against the public interest arguments in favour of disclosure. In this instance the APHA does not consider that disclosing the information requested (port of entry) helps inform public debate or promote accountability and transparency and does not justify the risk to individuals' health and safety.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

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

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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