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{By Email}

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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about game bird imports, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 23 November 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 am looking for information on the number of Live game birds imported for sport and released in the UK, over the last three years."

The number of game birds that were imported to GB from the EU in the last 3 years for sport can be found in the tables below. The purpose is shown as game restocking.

Data for EU		
2021 and 2022		
	Total number of	Total Number of
Row Labels	consignments	Animals
2021	106	762978
Apr	1	44268
May	42	306992
Jun	58	364774
Jul	5	46944
2022	66	639784
May	2	52242
Jun	9	153076
Jul	8	113408
Aug	29	169200
Sep	17	140858
Oct	1	11000
Grand Total	172	1402762

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

Data for EU 2020				
	Total number of		Total Number of	
Row Labels	Consignment		Animals	
2020		2		8000
July		2		8000
Grand Total		2		8000

There have been no imports of live game birds from any Rest of World countries for the last 3 years for game birds imported for sport.

For information relating to imports to Northern Ireland please contact https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/access-information-0

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 Import of Products, Animals, Food and feed System (IPAFFS) by a third party.

More information on IPAFFS can be found on GOV.UK on the link below;

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system

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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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