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[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

13 December 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

## **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information about eggs, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 02 December 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

"A list of all entries in the Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS) regarding imports of "Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked" (commodity code 0407) and/or "Birds' eggs, not in shell, and egg yolks, fresh, dried, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, moulded, frozen or otherwise preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter" (commodity code 0408) between 1 April 2022 and the most recent data available at the time of your response.

As far as practicable, for each entry please provide:

- Country of origin
- Consignor and/or exporter
- Consignee and/or importer
- Commodity code
- Date of arrival"

Your requested data is attached at Appendix 1.

The 'arrival cal date' (Calendar Date) is an estimated date of arrival and we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this.

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

Unfortunately, some of the information you have requested, have been exempted from release citing Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

#### **Section 40**

We can confirm that this information (importer/exporter) could lead to the identification of premises and customers. Section 40(2), read in conjunction with 40(3)(a)(i), of the FOIA provides that personal data relating to third parties is exempt information if disclosure would breach the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA). 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.

This information if released still engages the exemption because the personal data relates to others who would, or would likely, be identified or identifiable from that information.

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle in Schedule 1 of the DPA, which relates to the fair and lawful processing of personal data, in two ways. First, disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data, second, disclosure would not satisfy any of the conditions for data processing set out in Schedule 2 to the DPA.

Therefore, we have concluded that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the FOIA.

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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