



Our Ref: ATIC2999

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{By Email}

03 March 2023

Dear [Redacted]

**PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information about Export Health Certificates, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 06 February 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

- 1) "Many thanks for providing the data for December 2021 and December 2022. Would you kindly provide the same data (the numbers of Export Health Certificates issued for exports from GB to EU countries by commodity group) for January 2023?"

Jan-22	
GB to EU	
Commodity	Total
Equine	1,500
Fish and Fish Products	5,642
Germplasm	101
Live Animals	135
Livestock	9
Meat & Dairy Products	30,206
Miscellaneous Products	7,898
Pets	7
Poultry	137

Jan-23	
GB to EU	
Commodity	Total
Equine	1,450
Fish and Fish Products	5,752
Germplasm	87
Live Animals	112
Livestock	21
Meat & Dairy Products	23,578
Miscellaneous Products	9,231
Pets	0
Poultry	108

<b>Total</b>	<b>45,635</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>40,339</b>
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2) "On 15 January 2022, you sent me the information (your reference: ATIC2674):

Have you revised the numbers for 2022 since you issued the above response to me? If so, would you kindly provide the revised data for January 2022?

3) You have kindly supplied me with monthly data in the above format throughout 2022. Please would let me know if you if the data for 2022 that you sent me has been revised?"

I believe there are a few reasons that might have caused inconsistencies in data for 2021 for this request.

- The interpretation of the request and data by different team members and what they included or excluded. This could result in the data not being at a fixed point.
- In 2021 we had to manually extract EHC's that were issued for each individual EU country and from 2 systems.
- The data for 2021 goes through a verification stage which may have altered the previous figures.

We have since improved our reporting tools and can select EU counties more efficiently to make the data pull more accurate.

APHA have attached revised comparison data for 2021-22 Jan & Feb for numbers of EHC's issued by the Centre of International Trade (CITC) for EU counties.

Please note, although Northern Ireland use EU EHC's we have not included these and not all EHC's issued result in an export.

Jan-21	
GB to EU	
Commodity	Total
Equine	813
Fish and Fish Products	5097
Germplasm	98
Live Animals	68
Livestock	2
Meat & Dairy Products	26447
Miscellaneous Products	5419

Jan-22	
GB to EU	
Commodity	Total
Equine	1500
Fish and Fish Products	5642
Germplasm	101
Live Animals	135
Livestock	9
Meat & Dairy Products	30206
Miscellaneous Products	7898

Pets	4
Poultry	111
<b>Total</b>	<b>38059</b>

Pets	7
Poultry	137
<b>Total</b>	<b>45635</b>

Feb-21	
<b>GB to EU</b>	
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Total</b>
Equine	1359
Fish and Fish Products	3743
Germplasm	113
Live Animals	103
Livestock	7
Meat & Dairy Products	14436
Miscellaneous Products	5187
Pets	0
Poultry	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>25064</b>

Feb-22	
<b>GB to EU</b>	
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Total</b>
Equine	1548
Fish and Fish Products	2772
Germplasm	124
Live Animals	106
Livestock	19
Meat & Dairy Products	9288
Miscellaneous Products	4278
Pets	7
Poultry	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>18269</b>

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Yours sincerely

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