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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about the movement assistance scheme, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 16 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:

“My request relates to the operation of the movement assistance scheme.

I seek:

Details from the database or similar data source connected to payments made under the Movement Assistance Scheme, the scheme in place to help with the movement of agri goods to Northern Ireland. I am happy to refine this to claims related to equines - if it is possible to filter the results on this basis. If not, I would like the entire database.

The information I seek is a database extract of all payments made under the scheme since its inception. This should include the amount, date, nature of recipient (trader / certifier), Unique support attestation number, Export Health Certificate classification number (eg 8431, 8432, 8433 or 8434), Exporter, Type of attestation, claim authorising office, destination and recipient.

If the database does not capture these fields or they are held in multiple tables please advise on what information is readily accessible or available through database queries or multiple table exports. If any fields are not kept this should not preclude the release of fields that are kept. I am happy to discuss this.”

APHA has a centralised finance team so the claims for payment are dealt with by a single team. The final destination and recipient is not held by APHA.

Under the Movement Assistance Scheme (MAS), APHA has verified and paid 4,697 Equine Export Health Certificates (EHCs) totalling £1,434,364.95.

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.

Below is the number of EHC types which have been verified and paid for each year.

EHC Type	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
8204EHC	2			2
8334EHC	381	53		434
8335EHC	771	161	137	1069
8336EHC	41	5		46
8337EHC	9			9
8431EHC	61	1686	414	2161
8432EHC		1		1
8433EHC	39	874	60	973
EHC8431		2		2
Grand Total	1304	2782	611	4697

Finally, the total Net Amount (Excluding VAT) for each EHC type for each year.

EHC Type	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
8204EHC	£87.48			£87.48
8334EHC	£116,002.48	£14,248.91		£130,251.39
8335EHC	£251,477.02	£46,877.05	£66,109.00	£364,463.08
8336EHC	£14,663.34	£2,164.84		£16,828.18
8337EHC	£4,137.32			£4,137.32
8431EHC	£14,592.43	£497,466.20	£136,294.70	£648,353.33
8432EHC		£288.50		£288.50
8433EHC	£8,610.07	£242,584.55	£17,791.05	£268,985.67
EHC8431		£970.00		£970.00
Grand Total	£409,570.14	£804,600.05	£220,194.75	£1,434,364.95

To find out more about Export Health Certificates (EHC's) please visit the online information pages here:

[Get an export health certificate - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Appendix 1 (attached) contains information on individual payments however columns C, D and H contain 3rd party information or information that could lead to the identification of

3rd parties and this has been exempted from release citing Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Section 40

APHA does hold the information that you have requested, but have decided that the information should be withheld under sections 40(2) and 40(3A) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to persons other than you. These sections exempt personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

APHA consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data because the information would lead to the identification of persons other than the requester.

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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If you need to contact the ICO, it's best to do so online. Please click [here](#) for contact details. You can also call them on 0303 123 1113.