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{By Email}

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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

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

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

"Since the enactment of the Ivory Act into law I would like to know:

How many items have been registered since the Ivory Act came into force?"

• 5388

"How many exemption certificates have been applied for and how many have been successfully issued?"

• 120 received and 91 applications granted

"How many items have been sold/transferred to museums?"

• Qualifying museums are exempt, therefore this information is not held.

"How many enforcement actions have been completed?"

• Nil

"How many enforcement actions are underway?"

• None

Please find a link to the GOV.UK pages for Guidance: **Declare ivory you intend to sell** or hire out <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/declare-ivory-you-intend-to-sell-or-hire-out</u>

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.

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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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