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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about Reptile Imports, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 08 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:

“I am writing to make a freedom of information request on data of live reptile imports, held on the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES) database, or held otherwise.

I would like data relating to the number of non-CITES listed live reptiles and eggs (from the class *Reptilia*), imported to the UK for commercial purposes, including both imports from non-EU countries and EU trade into the UK.

Please provide available data, listing the number of live animals imported for each of the 10 years 2011-2020: “

- Including all live animals and live eggs in the class *Reptilia*
- Including all animals imported for commercial purposes. If this distinction is not possible, please include all reptiles imported, regardless of purpose (commercial, zoo, private collection etc.)
- Broken down by calendar year (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Broken down by species or lowest available taxonomic category (e.g., genus, family, order, class)
- Including commodity type
- Including the country of origin
- Including the country of export
- Including the country of destination
- Including the animal source (wild-caught, captive-bred, ranched etc.) if available

Please find attached data at Appendix 1, on imports of reptiles in the period 2017-2020. Included in the data is the country of origin and the commodity code. The species is included where it was recorded.

Data from previous years is not available on the TRACES system. There is no data from 2016 or earlier as the data retention period has passed for that data, and it has therefore been deleted. This data is not on TRACES, it is also not held on any other system as the retention period has passed.

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

APHA do not hold data on the import of reptile eggs and the species of reptile was not recorded for all imports. There is also no data on the TRACES system for imports prior to those included in the data provided.

Please note that we are unable to advise if the data provided is for non-cites listed reptiles.

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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

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## Annex

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