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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about livestock exports, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 10 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 would like to make a Freedom of Information request relating to live animal exports of farm animals from the United Kingdom.

I would like to enquire about the figures for the year of 2022 of farm animals exported to the EU and beyond from the UK .

If possible I would like to know which sea ports /air ports were used and the species exported and the category they were exported under for example if they were exported for breeding or further fattening and slaughter.”

Please find attached data on the export of livestock in 2022 at Appendix 1.

The data provided includes all issued Export Health Certificates (EHC's) with export dates in 2022, for the export of livestock (Cattle, Goats, Pigs and Sheep). The data includes the destination country, the commodity type and name, which indicate the type of animal and the intended use (Breeding, Fattening or Production).

Unfortunately, data on the port/airport used is not available as it is not recorded. Additionally, the number of EHCs issued has been provided instead of the number of animals, this is because the number of animals is not recorded.

Please note that cancelled and rejected EHCs are not included in the data.

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 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

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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Information Commissioner's Office
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