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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: EU Dog Imports

Thank you for your request for information of 19th February about EU Dog Imports. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“For the period 01.11.22 to date, please may I have a data spreadsheet re the import of dogs from the EU.

Can I please have these split for these headings

Arrival Date

Country of Origin

Commodity species Name

Purpose of movement - my primary interest is in research or approved bodies dogs, I understand the purpose of movement is not a compulsory field and that you rely upon third party interpretation

Number of consignments

Commodities Number of animals

I am attaching a spreadsheet provided as a response to a previous FOI – dogs imported EU 01.04.22 – 31.10.22 – this is missing the purpose of movement column, I think this was omitted in error to FOI ref: ATIC2911 would it be possible please to add this?

Separately please can I have a similar spreadsheet for the same period for research dog imports from the rest of the world”.

Please see Appendix1 attached showing import of dogs from the EU.

Following a search of our records, APHA do not hold data for research dogs for the rest of the world (ROW).

Advice and Assistance – Section 16(1)

APHA have a duty to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect APHA to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information.

APHA may hold some information on dog imports from the ROW for part of the period in question, for example,

- Arrival month and year up to January 2023
- Country of Origin
- Commodity species Name
- Number of animals

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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