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[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

17 February 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

## **PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Thank you for your request for information about fish slaughterhouse inspections, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 07 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:

This request was in reference to a previous request (ATIC2970) about copies of fish slaughterhouse inspection reports. In the previous request "Please provide inspection reports from all the inspections at fish slaughterhouses carried out by APHA Scotland since 1st February 2022." One of the reports had not yet been completed at the time of asking. This request now covers that report.

The information you have requested can be found at Appendix 1.

### **Section 40 – Personal Information**

APHA have decided some of the information held within Appendix 1 should be withheld under Section 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 would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

APHA consider the disclosure of the redacted 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 of 3rd party information (names and number of employees) would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data because it could lead to the identification of 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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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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