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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about canine semen , which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 05 April 2023. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

"Please could you advise how many import pre-notifications you have received annually for canine semen in the calendar years of 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018. Please could you provide this information broken down by exporting country."

See Appendix 1 attached.

Please note IRMS (Imports Risk Management System) only check the semen certificates for Bovine, Caprine and Equine therefore any Importer Notification prior to IPAFFS (Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System) would not have been recorded.

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.

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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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