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Dear [REDACTED]

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Commercial dog imports**

Thank you for your request for information of 22nd May about Commercial dog imports. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Please supply the number of commercial dog imports (number of animals and number of consignments, separately) into Great Britain from the EU and Rest of World countries broken down both by month and country.

I'd like these figures for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and - if possible - the first four months of 2023. Please supply your response in Excel format. “

The information you have requested can be found attached and named Appendix 1.

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. The data provided in any previous responses was extracted from earlier TRACES NT (Trade Control and Expert System) data.

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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.

Yours sincerely

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## **Annex**

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