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Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Dogs imported from Ireland.

Thank you for your request for information of 30th May about Dogs imported from Ireland. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Since January 2021 how many notifications to APHA of imports of dogs, to Great Britain from Ireland were rejected or needed clarification in the Import of products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS) on the grounds of non-compliant or absent vaccinations?”

Please be aware that any dogs coming in from Northern Ireland are not required to provide a notification or certificate.

For the Republic of Ireland, vaccinations are not declared on the Importer Notifications in Import of Products, Animals, Food and Feed System (IPAFFS). The importer is required to provide a copy of the certificate to the IPAFFS record within 24 hours of the animal entering GB. The APHA Import Risk Management Team (IRMT) will then undertake checks on these imports.

Our records show that we had 118 consignments from the Republic of Ireland where the Rabies vaccination status of the animals were queried.

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Yours sincerely

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