



16 March 2021

Our ref: RFI 5718



Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 18 January which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Please accept our apologies for the delay in providing you with a full response.

In response to the information provided on 14 January 2021 regarding your previous request RFI which was for:

‘in 2020 there were 64,269 male calves killed in slaughterhouses that were aged up to one month old – 5,519 of which were aged between 7 and 10 days old ‘

You have requested to know:

- 1. How many of these**
 - a) 64,269 calves less than a month old in slaughterhouses came from marts and auctions?**
 - b) 5,519 calves between 7 and 10 days old in slaughterhouses came from marts and auctions?**

In other words, how many came from markets, not straight from farms.

- 2. How many of the 65,269 calves came from Tb restricted farms (either directly or via a red/cull market)?**
- 3. How markets and auctions have red market days where all calves < year old have to go straight to slaughterhouse?**

Please note that you clarified the wording for question 1 a) on 4 February in response to our email of the same date.

Regarding question one of your request, please find the information RPA hold below. A caveat to this is that the data RPA provided you with on 14 January has changed

between then and the latest report, which produced the figures below, due to data validation.

In 2020:

- a) 64,304 calves less than a month old were killed in slaughterhouses of which 5,917 came from Markets
- b) 5,521 calves between 7 and 10 days old were killed in slaughterhouses of which 324 came from Markets

With regards to questions 2 & 3 of your request, the RPA can confirm it does not hold this information.

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under regulation 12(4)(a) EIR 'Information not held'. This is a qualified exemption, which usually means that a public authority is required to conduct a public interest test to determine whether or not information should be disclosed or withheld. However, the Information Commissioner (IC) takes the view that a public interest test in cases where the information is not held would serve no useful purpose. Therefore, in line with the IC's view RPA has not conducted a public interest test in this case.

What you need to do

If you are not happy with the way we have handled your request, you can ask for an internal review. These requests should be submitted in writing within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights Team at the Rural Payments Agency, North Gate House, 21-23 Valpy Street, Reading, RG1 1AF or alternatively email your request for a review to IRT@rpa.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted RPA's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: [Information Commissioner's Office](#), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you need further information

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Yours sincerely

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