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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Canvac R protocol enactment date

Thank you for your request for information of 3rd July about Canvac R protocol enactment date. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Q1. What date was the additional measures implemented by the CVO and DEFRA regarding the Canvac R protocol as stated in FOI2023/11067? (As above)”

This is not a new requirement or additional measures but additional clarification of the guidance due to non-compliances that had been identified.

“Q2. Where and when was this published on the government website to reliably inform importers and transporters?”

The information was updated on GOV.UK via the link below on 06/07/2023.

[Bringing your pet dog, cat or ferret to Great Britain: Rabies vaccination, boosters and blood tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/bringing-your-pet-dog-cat-or-ferret-to-great-britain-rabies-vaccination-boosters-and-blood-tests)

“Q3. Prior to these measures being implemented, were all rabies susceptible animals allowed to enter without the need for a second Canvac R vaccine if vaccinated prior to 5 months?”

These are not new requirements. The requirements are set out in Annex III of retained EU legislation 576/2013, including the requirement to comply with the vaccination protocol.

If any animal is identified to be contravention of the above legislation, appropriate action will be taken at the point of detection.

[EUR-Lex - 32013R0576 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/576/oj)

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Yours sincerely

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