



Our ref: FOI2023/15595  
16 August 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Export Health Certificate Data**

Thank you for your request for information of 9th August about Export Health Certificate Data. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). This was a follow up to request FOI2023/08652, which was responded to on 2 June 2023.

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Under the terms of the FOI Act 2000, I wish to make the following request for information:

Data on live farm animal exports in 2022, as captured in the Export Health Certificate online database (EHCO) (as opposed to APHA journey logs, for which a recent answer has been provided) for

- i. Journeys from Great Britain (i.e. England, Wales and Scotland – not Northern Ireland) to mainland Europe *or beyond*, for slaughter or fattening (not ‘breeding’) in 2022, and
- ii. any ‘long journeys’ over 8 hours for slaughter or fattening (not ‘breeding’) requiring a ‘journey log’ to Ireland, for journeys undertaken in 2022.

In particular I would be most grateful if you could provide any / all of the following information that is captured or contained in the relevant documents on the Export Health Certificate online database (EHCO):

How many live a) cattle b) sheep c) pigs d) other livestock animals e) poultry have left the port of i) Dover ii) Ramsgate iii) Ipswich iv) Liverpool v) Cairnryan vi) any other sea port vii) by air in/from Great Britain between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for the purpose of slaughter or fattening (*please specify purpose of export – slaughter or fattening*).

1. How many a) weaned b) unweaned i) cattle ii) sheep iii) pigs d) other livestock animals e) poultry have been exported in each of the above shipments?

2. In each of the above cases referred to in questions 1, what was the a) GB country of origin and b) country of destination?
3. How many (transporters) trucks were on each journey via a seaport, which species of animal and how many animals?
4. How many animals died in transit / before arrival at the final destination in each journey (and what the recorded reason for this death was)?
5. On what date did each of these crossings occur?
6. Any statutory notices that were issued during each of the journeys listed in response to questions 1.
7. According to the *Export Health Certificate online database (EHCO)*, what was the a) estimated b) actual journey i) time ii) distance for each of the above journeys (including proposed lairage / rest stops during the journey/ journey cycle)?
8. How many animals in each consignment were subsequently 're-exported' to i) a third country or ii) another European Union Member State at a date subsequent to the original export from Great Britain."

APHA can confirm that no exports have taken place for livestock or poultry within 2022 for slaughter or fattening.

The response that APHA have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. APHA 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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Yours sincerely

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