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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Usage and deployment of carnivorous plants

Thank you for your request for information of 21st August about Usage and deployment of carnivorous plants. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- (1) Details of any recorded deployment and usage of carnivorous plants by yourselves to support delivery of your priorities and discharge of your responsibilities.
- (2) Where carnivorous plants have been deployed and used, please can you share the purposes, financial costs and verifiable outcomes associated with this.”

In dealing with interception and outbreaks of GB quarantine pests and diseases APHA have never deployed carnivorous plants. APHA are not aware of any case of carnivorous plants being deployed for eradication or containment of quarantine pests anywhere in the world.

Section 16 (Help and advice)

Section 16 of FOIA requires APHA to provide advice and assistance to help you to satisfy your request. It may be useful to know that APHA believe the deployment and use of carnivorous plants would not be as effective as other control measures, would not be specific to the target pest, would not be any use against pathogens; and would be impractical for use on the scale required in commercial horticulture or agriculture.

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An Annex is attached which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Access to Information Team

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Annex

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