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Dear [Redacted]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Non-human primate imports

Thank you for your request for information of 23rd August about Non-human primate imports. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“Please could you provide me with the following information on the Non-human primates imported into the UK for research purposes only between 16th June 2023 and 23rd August 2023 -

Their arrival date into the UK.

Number of non-human primates per consignment.

Country of origin/birth.

Country of departure prior to arriving in the UK.

Country when first entered European Customs.”

Proposed Arrival Date	25/07/2023	01/08/2023	01/08/2023
Number per Consignment	164	100	200
Country of Origin/Birth	Mauritius	Spain	Mauritius
Country Of Departure	Mauritius	Spain	Mauritius
Country first entered European Customs	Belgium	Spain	Belgium

The data we have provided is based on Import Licenses issued by Centre for International Trade (CIT)-Carlisle Imports Team.

APHA have put a proposed arrival date as, at this point we have no confirmation that these imports have actually taken place.

There are 2 forms (RM31 - from carrying agent , RM30 - from veterinary surgeon or medical supervisor of facility) to be returned to APHA when an import takes place, the RM31 within 24 hours of landing and the RM30 within 7 days of landing. The requirement to return the documents is stated on the forms which are provided when the licence is issued.

For your information this is the return data that APHA hold:

Proposed Arrival Date	25/07/2023	01/08/2023	01/08/2023 – arrived 31/08/2023
Number per Consignment	164	100	200 120 imported– amended on RM30
Country of Origin/Birth	Mauritius	Spain	Mauritius
Country Of Departure	Mauritius	Spain	Mauritius
Country first entered European Customs	Belgium	Spain	Belgium
RM30 & RM31 returned	Yes	No	Yes

The original data provided above, was based on the number of import licences issued between 16th June 2023 and 23rd August 2023. Due to the nature of these imports, they do not require a CHED or an Importer Notification.

When APHA issue an import licence it is valid for 4 months from the date of issue and the arrival date is proposed. APHA would not chase a return of the RM30 or RM31 until the licence had expired.

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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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