



Our ref: FOI2023/16843  
19 September 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Welfare of Animals in Transport**

Thank you for your request for information of 1st September about Welfare of Animals in Transport. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

1) The number of reported WATO (Welfare of Animals in Transport Order (England) 2006) breaches that APHA were made aware of within England from 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2023.

APHA received 9,203 reported WATO (England) 2006 breaches for incidents that occurred within England between 01/04/2018 and 31/03/2023.

2) If available, the number of WATO breaches relating specifically to assessing fitness for transport, that APHA were made aware of within England from 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2023.

This information is not held by APHA.

3) The number of advice letters / warning letters sent to alleged offenders by APHA in response to breaches of WATO in England from 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2023.

APHA issued 1,499 regulatory letters to Transporters in response to reported WATO (England) 2006 breaches for incidents that occurred within England between 01/04/2018 and 31/03/2023.

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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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## **Annex**

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