Animal &
Plant Health
Agency

Animal and Plant Health Agency
Access to Information Team
Woodham Lane
New Haw
Addlestone
Surrey
KT15 3NB

www.gov.uk/apha

Our ref: FOI2023/17142 12 September 2023

Dear

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Export Health Certificates issued in August 2022 and August 2023

Thank you for your request for information of 4th September about Export Health Certificates issued in August 2022 and August 2023. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

"Would you kindly provide the same data (the numbers of Export Health Certificates issued for exports to EU countries by commodity group) for August 2022 and August 2023?"

The data you have requested can be found below:

Aug-22				
GB to EU				
Commodity	Total			
Equine	1,939			
Fish and Fish Products	3,512			
Germplasm	26			
Live Animals	157			
Livestock	34			
Meat & Dairy Products	10,035			
Miscellaneous Products	6,562			
Pets	1			

Aug-23					
GB to EU					
Commodity	Total				
Equine	1,9 <mark>1</mark> 4				
Fish and Fish Products	5,489				
Germplasm	39				
Live Animals	<mark>76</mark>				
Livestock	51				
Meat & Dairy Products	18,944				
Miscellaneous Products	5,642				
Pets	0				

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

Poultry	130	Poultry	142
Total	22,396	Total	32,297

(Data attached excludes Export Health Certificates issued GB to Northern Ireland).

Note, certificates issued does not equate to consignments sent. A certifier might choose not to certify an EHC issued to them by APHA.

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We can't guarantee the accuracy of this data, as we can only rely on the information that has been input into EHC's by a third party.

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on <u>GOV.UK</u>, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

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 enquiries@apha.gov.uk

Annex

Copyright

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including for private study and non-commercial research, and for any other purpose authorised by an exception in current copyright law. Documents (except photographs or logos) can also be used in the UK without requiring permission for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder.

Most documents produced by APHA will be protected by Crown Copyright. Most Crown copyright information can be re-used under the <u>Open Government Licence</u>. For information about the OGL and about re-using Crown Copyright information please see <u>The National Archives website</u>.

Copyright in other documents may rest with a third party. For information about obtaining permission from a third party see the <u>Intellectual Property Office's website</u>.

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request, you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to the Access to Information Team at the address at the top of this letter or email <u>enquiries@apha.gov.uk</u> and the team will arrange for an internal review of your case.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted APHA's own complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please click here for further contact details.