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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Horse Export Statistics

Thank you for your request for information of 15th September about Horse Export Statistics. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“1) How many equidae were exported live from the UK for slaughter each year for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023?”

There is no export health certificate for the purpose of exporting live equines for slaughter, therefore this information is not held by APHA.

“2) How many shipments of equidae were exported live from the UK for slaughter each year for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023?”

There is no export health certificate for the purpose of exporting live equines for slaughter, therefore this information is not held by APHA.

“3) Which countries were equidae exported to when they were exported live for slaughter from the UK for each individual for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023?”

There is no export health certificate for the purpose of exporting live equines for slaughter, therefore this information is not held by APHA.

You also requested the following information about equine skin which was amalgamated with your original request.

“4) What countries did the UK export equine skins to during 2021, 2022 and so far to 2023?”

APHA issued Export Health Certificates for the export of equine skins to the following countries in the table below.

2021	2022	2023
El Salvador	Belgium	Belgium
Indonesia		
Philippines		

“5) How many tonnes/kilos (or number of equine skins) were exported from the UK in each individual year 2021, 2022 and so far to 2023?”

This is not information we can extract from any of our systems therefore APHA cannot provide this data.

“6) How many tonnes/kilos (or number of equine skins) were imported into the UK in each individual year 2021, 2022 and so far to 2023?”

Please see table below for the Rest of World imports data extracted for years 2021 and 2023. There were no imports in 2022.

Year	Sum of Commodities Total Net Weight
2021	6037.5
2023	12307.3
Grand Total	18344.8

Please be aware, we cannot provide the total number of equine skins imported from the EU into the UK due to the data not being broken down into species.

The information that we have provided is a true reflection of the information that we have access to. We 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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