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Dear [REDACTED],

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Dog Imports**

Thank you for your request for information of 28th September about Dog Imports. APHA have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

“For the period 01.07.23 to the date of your response, please may I have a data spreadsheet re the import of dogs from the EU.

Can I please have these split for these headings

Arrival Date

Country of Origin

Commodity species Name

Purpose of movement - I understand the purpose of movement is not a compulsory field and that you rely upon third party interpretation

Number of consignments

Commodities Number of animals”

The information you have requested can be found in Appendix 1.

Please find attached the figures requested for the import of dogs from the EU and broken down by the required headings. APHA have included July and August 2023 on separate tabs. Please be aware when we collate these figures, we work a month behind to ensure we have a full set of data for that month, so September’s data will be ready towards the end of October.

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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## **Annex**

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