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**Subject:** RE: 2021-052: Exports from Scotland to NI/RoI

Good morning Andrew,

Please find attached.

Many thanks

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Commodity Group	Commodity Type	Commodity Name /Purpose	Number of Animals	Destination
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	ISLE OF MAN
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	TANZANIA
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	TANZANIA
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	TANZANIA
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	TANZANIA
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	5040	BRAZIL
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	136,440	JORDAN
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	51,840	SYRIA
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	TRANSIT CERT	LEBANON
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	47,520	NIGERIA
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	9,720	BRAZIL
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	337,000	TURKEY
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	7788	Spain
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	43,200	Netherlands
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	194760	Turkey
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	3600	Denmark
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	13320	France
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	47520	Netherlands
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	5200	France
Livestock	Cattle	Production	10	Northern Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	99720	Turkey
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	Canada
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	Canada
Live animals	Small animals	Dog	1	Sweden
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	69,840	Netherlands
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	47520	Nigeria
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	Thailand

Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	7920	Germany
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	47880	Nigeria
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	47160	Netherlands
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	137880	Germany
Livestock	Cattle	Production	24	Northern Ireland
Live animals	Small animals	Cat	1	Sweden
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	201240	Northern Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	201240	Turkey
Livestock	Cattle	Production	9	Northern Ireland
Livestock	Cattle	Production	3	Northern Ireland
Livestock	Sheep	Breeding	1	Northern Ireland
Livestock	Sheep	Breeding	2	Northern Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	54000	Nigeria
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	118440	Hungary
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	Canada
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	2	Northern Ireland
Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Republic of Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	10080	Netherlands
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	195120	Northern Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	195120	Turkey
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	187920	Northern Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	187920	Turkey
Pets	Cat	N/A	1	China, People's Republic of
Pets	Cat	N/A	1	China, People's Republic of
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	Northern Ireland
Pets	Cat	N/A	1	China, People's Republic of

Pets	Cat	N/A	1	China, People's Republic of
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	72720	Netherlands
Pets	Cat	N/A	1	China, People's Republic of
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	Northern Ireland
Pets	Cat	N/A	1	India
Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Netherlands
Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Republic of Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	178560	Northern Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	178560	Turkey
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	Northern Ireland
Pets	Dog	N/A	1	Australia
Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Republic of Ireland
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Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Republic of Ireland
Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Republic of Ireland
Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Northern Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	65160	Netherlands
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	12	Northern Ireland
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	12	Northern Ireland
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	Northern Ireland
Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Republic of Ireland
Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Northern Ireland
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	Northern Ireland

Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	Northern Ireland
Poultry	Hatching eggs	Chicken	119160	Hungary
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	Northern Ireland
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Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	Northern Ireland
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	2	Northern Ireland
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	2	Republic of Ireland
Livestock	Cattle	Breeding	1	Republic of Ireland
Livestock	Cattle	Production	34	Northern Ireland
Equine	Registered	N/A	1	Northern Ireland
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Thanks for this. For completeness could you also please add the countries of destination?

Regards

Andrew

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**Subject:** RE: 2021-052: Exports from Scotland to NI/RoI

Good afternoon Andrew,

Please find attached the data for all live animal exports from Scotland in January 2021.

Many thanks

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<Redacted>,

A similar question has been asked about **any** exports of live animals from Scotland, including to NI, in January 2021.

Please could you tell us what certificates if any have been issued, giving nos. of consignments, nos. of animals, species, whether for breeding, production or slaughter.

Thanks  
Andrew

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Thanks, no need to go through the NI certificates for now but it would be helpful to find a way of recording this information for future requests of this sort for all classes of livestock. It doesn't need to be totally accurate to give an indication of the scale of the trade.

Regards  
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Hi Andrew,

I have added the data for ROI, total number of animals, to the table below.

Many thanks

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Hi Andrew,

I can gather the data for the ROI consignments, I will collate this now.

For Northern Ireland, I would have to look at each individual certificate as it was at the time of application, but this wouldn't be accurate as they may apply to export 10 and less or more may travel.

Many thanks

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Thanks for this, however it would be useful to know the numbers of animals as well,  
at least for the Rol consignments. Did this used to be available from TRACES?  
Is there any other way of finding out?

Regards  
Andrew

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Good morning,

Please find below the data as requested:

<b>Northern Ireland</b>	Breeding	Slaughter	Fattening
Total number of consignments	492	0	0

<b>Republic of Ireland</b>	Breeding	Slaughter	Fattening
Total number of consignments	15	0	40
Total number of animals	137	0	8115

Please note that this information is based on returned certification from OV's.

I am unable to provide the data for total number of sheep exported, as EHCO doesn't capture this data. This is a function they are looking to build into the system.

Many thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Sheep exports from Scotland to NI/Rol

Dear <Redacted>

Please would you provide the information requested below to Andrew asap

Many thanks

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We have had a press query alleging that sheep sent from Scotland to NI for breeding last year have been subsequently re-exported to France for slaughter. There is no reason to suppose there has been anything illegal about this if this is actually true, but it would be helpful if APHA could confirm the number of sheep and number of consignments sent from Scotland to NI or RoI in 2020 on breeding or slaughter/fattening certificates so we can deal with any press queries. I know that journey logs may not be needed for all of these exports so information from TRACES might be best if someone could provide this.

Have you had any queries about this from campaign groups?

Thanks  
Andrew

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18 March 2021

Dear Ms <Redacted>,

Thank you for your correspondence of 16 February 2021 about the implications of the proposals from the Farm Animal Welfare Committee for Scotland's rural areas and on the export of live animals.

The consultation was carried out in recognition of the Scottish Government's strong commitment to maintaining high standards of animal welfare and to enhancing them sustainably.

The consultation closed on 26 February 2021 with a number of respondents making points similar to those you raise in your correspondence. We will now undertake an analysis of the responses to the consultation which provided detailed and useful evidence of many practical concerns and technical questions raised by the FAWC recommendations on other possible changes in animal transport.

This evidence will be fully considered and discussed in greater detail with the other UK administrations and with stakeholders before we bring forward any specific proposals to amend the legislation on welfare in transport.

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You may be interested to note that the Scottish Government informed the Scottish Parliament on 15 March 2021 that it is of the view that the export of livestock for slaughter or fattening outside the UK involves journeys which are unnecessarily lengthy as these activities can be undertaken within the UK instead, allowing journeys to be replaced and reduced. We will therefore work alongside the other administrations to seek to end the unnecessary export of livestock for slaughter or fattening to countries outside the UK.

I hope this reply is helpful.

**BEN MACPHERSON**

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