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Dear [REDACTED]

At the recent meeting with the Democratic Scrutiny Committee on 15 May 2025, where DAERA officials provided oral evidence on a draft European Regulation, concerning the protection of animals during transport and related operations, a request was made for information on the volume of live animal exports and imports between Northern Ireland, the EU, Great Britain and Republic of Ireland.

Please find the information requested attached at **Annex A**.

I hope my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Exports from Northern Ireland

Year	Sheep to GB	Sheep to Ireland	Sheep to rest of EU	Cattle to GB	Cattle to Ireland	Cattle to rest EU	Pigs to GB	Pigs to Ireland	Pigs to rest EU	Poultry to GB	Poultry to Ireland	Poultry to rest EU
2024	170,146	365,363	26,947	3,475	1,843	165	760	22,485	84	733,568	1,619	0
2023	102,707	428,903	20,218	2,701	3,080	25	5,886	16,402	0	1,235,647	1,651	0
2022	112,304	422,227	8,505	3,414	4,883	394	12,983	17,160	96	3,821,653	1,430	0

Imports to Northern Ireland

Year	Sheep from GB	Sheep from Ireland	Sheep from rest of EU	Cattle from GB	Cattle from Ireland	Cattle from rest EU	Pigs from GB	Pigs from Ireland	Pigs from rest EU	Poultry from GB	Poultry from Ireland	Poultry from rest EU
2024	0*	685	0**	0*	58,679	48**	22	427,883	183	12,038,418	32,400	236,243
2023	2,530	130	100	2,746	54,176	1,465	1,253	371,463	199	16,561,350	179,350	105,454
2022	4,471	2,099	357	3,425	48,593	2,771	582	401,554	109	9,279,177	152,622	114,698

* imports from Great Britain prohibited due to Blue Tongue outbreak

** imports restricted due to European Foot and Mouth outbreak