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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 24 April 2026, which you sought the information in bold below.

Please provide, for each individual month in that 12-month period:

- 1. The total volume of beef imported into Northern Ireland.**
- 2. The total value of beef imported into Northern Ireland.**
- 3. A breakdown by country of origin for those imports.**
- 4. Where possible, a separate identification of imports coming from:**
 - the Republic of Ireland,**
 - Great Britain,**
 - other EU member states, and**
 - non-EU countries.**
- 5. The commodity codes / product categories used to compile the figures.**

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I can advise that the Department has completed searches of its records and can confirm that it holds some of the data requested.

The information requested is provided as a csv report which will allow you to filter the various data columns to isolate specific data. You may need to widen the columns in the report to view the full data range.

In relation to Questions 1, 3, 4 and 5, please see the attached at **Annex A**. This report was generated to include beef import notifications for the 12-month period from 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 (inclusive).

While the dataset is filtered by this reporting period, some records may include dates outside this range where these relate to consignments notified or processed within the reporting timeframe. This reflects the timing and nature of data submitted by operators and recorded in the system.

The dataset provided will not include movements of beef between EU Member States and Northern Ireland. These moves are accompanied by commercial documentation only, and do not require notification. Please note where beef of EU origin moves via a third country (such as Great Britain) and does not retain its EU status, the consignment becomes subject to import requirements and must be notified to the Department upon entry into Northern Ireland.

Please note that the data provided in **Annex A** is dependent on the accuracy of information submitted by operators at the time of notification.

In respect of Question 2, the Department does not hold this information.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

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Yours sincerely,



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