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Dear Mr Rogers,

Thank you for your e-mail of 05 October 2012 which was sent to the UK Border Agency Freedom of Information Team in box in which you ask for information on how many fines have been issued to carriers by UKBA in respect of landing a non EEA spouse travelling with their EU spouse whilst in possession of a valid passport, EU residence card and certificate of marriage. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I work for the Carriers Liaison Section which forms part of the UK Border Agency International Operations & Visas. The Carriers Liaison Section has been identified as the most suitable unit to deal with your enquiry.

Where a passenger is able to demonstrate to Immigration Officials at the Border that they are exercising their treaty rights as a family member of an EEA national and is subsequently admitted in this category, then the UK Border Agency would not pursue a penalty (Section 40 charge) against the carrier. Therefore no information is held.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference FOI 24058. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

Information Access Team
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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Jim Roberts

A/Inspector