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Dear Sir/Madam

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Thank you for your request for information as below.

1. A list of currently recognised organisations for the issue of Equine Passports
2. Details of audits DEFRA has undertaken in respect of these organisations 2015/2018.
3. DEFRA position statement on the perceived efficacy/failings of current Equine PIO'S


Your request was received on 27th August 2018 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the above legislation.

The leaflet enclosed tells you about the legislation and the procedures I will follow in handling your request.

In some circumstances a fee may be payable but if that is the case I will let you the likely charges before proceeding.

In the meantime if you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone, email or at the address above quoting our reference number above.

Yours sincerely



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