

11/11/2022

Dear

### **ATISN 16760 Wood pellets**

Thank you for your request which I received on 18/10/2022. You asked for:

Information on

- the amount of wood pellets that are imported to Wales
- where they are sourced
- where they are used
- what amount are used in Welsh biomass plants for the generation of energy
- a list of these plants with amounts of imported pellets used

### **Our response**

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government, as we do not hold this level of detail on our trade survey.

However, I have included some sources of publicly available information, which you may wish to research further.

- The HMRC Overseas Trade data has some data on Wood pellets (commodity code: 440131) that come in and out of Holyhead from Ireland, though we can't be sure from this data that Ireland is where the pellets originate from.

#### [HMRC Overseas Trade data](#)

For 12 months to August 2022 there was:

£28,416 worth of **EU exports** of wood pellets (96,799Kg net mass) from Holyhead

£292,350 worth of **EU imports** of wood pellets (1,492,960kg net mass) into Holyhead.

To note, imports from producers in England would not be caught by the trade statistics (there is very little data available on intra-UK trade for any commodity).

- The latest National Statistics on UK Wood Production and Trade, produced by Forest Research, have been finalised in Forestry Statistics 2022.

#### [Forestry Statistics and Forestry Facts & Figures - Forest Research.](#)

- Our Energy Generation in Wales report includes key statistics for renewable energy in Wales, including biomass. Further information can be found on page 6.

[Energy Generation in Wales Report 2020](#)

### **Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely