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Dear Mr Stephenson,

Thank you for your letter concerning European Legislation on Animal Welfare I appreciate that organizations like Compassion in World Farming are following the changes in European Legislation on Animal Welfare with care and caution. It is elementary to recognize as soon as possible when tools to preserve the welfare of animals during transport, threaten to disappear.

In your letter you recognize some of the same risks that have been recognized and brought to the table by the Netherlands during the discussions on the control regulation that we and fellow member states had.

I share your concern. Improving Animal Welfare during transport is one of my priorities. I will certainly try to improve EU-legislation in this field.

With kind regards,

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Martijn van Dam
Minister for Agriculture

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