

Dear President of the European Commission, Jean - Claude Juncker, Dear EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety - Vytenis Andriukaitis,



animals, the so-called farm animals, are transported over very long distances, lasting days, sometimes transport takes weeks. The animal, as a living creature, is not physically or mentally adapted to handle long-distance transport without harm. He or she is experiencing fear and stress while loading, balancing while riding or sailing, falling, lying or standing in excrements, fighting for a place with other animals.

Animals suffer from thirst, hunger, ill-treatment, and pain - because animals are wounded during transport, they are dying during the journey or they die from exhaustion after the transport is ended. Annually, it is up to 37 million animals / mammals transported within the EU alone and billions of poultry birds.

In addition, another 3-4 million animals / mammals and billions of poultry birds are exported from the Union to non-EU countries, to countries that do not usually have animal-friendly legislation or to a socially and morally established animal-friendly relationship. EU animals in these countries experience cruelty, torture and brutal cruel killings that are banned in EU countries. See the attached evidence:

<http://spolecnostprozvirata.cz/vizualni-dukazy-o-stradani-a-stresu-zvirat-souvisejicich-s-prepravou/>

We therefore ask you,

- to treat animals as living creatures, not as goods and pieces of material. We all know, on the basis of common sense, that animals are living creatures just like we humans. The EU also mentioned in the Treaty establishing the EU: animals are "sentient beings". We ask that this provision be not just beautiful words but to be observed in daily practice;
- that animals, so-called farmed, slaughtered for slaughter and other fattening, are transported for a maximum of 8 hours and poultry for 4 hours, including waiting and loading/unloading;
- that meat, carcasses, animal products be transported over long distances instead of animals and animals be slaughtered as close as possible to the place of their breeding / fattening;
- for exemplary punishment of all those concerned (government officials, traders, breeders, transporters, animal handling workers and others) who fail to comply with the above;
- to review the term "livestock for breeding" so that it is a true long-term breed, not just one birth of an animal and slaughter;
- for respecting the moral and ethical rules of the European Union and our cultural society based on the foundations of humanity, pacifism and Christianity.

Thank you.

With best regards

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and other citizens of the Czech Republic and EU

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