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Dear Ms Moffat,

Subject: Your letter of 14 February 2005 concerning the transport of animals

- 1) There must be moveable panels for creating separate compartments in vehicles involved in long distance transport (Directive 91/628/EEC Annex Chapter VII 48, 3 fifth indent). Although it is not explicitly stated that these must be in place, this requirement should be read together with point 2(a) of Chapter IA of the Annex to Directive 91/628/EEC, where partitions to protect the animals from motion of the means of transport shall be provided, when necessary. **The transport of groups of animals over long distances is normally a situation when such partitions are necessary.** In addition, point 2(a) of Chapter IA of the Annex requires the vehicle to be operated to avoid injury and unnecessary suffering and point 3(a) provides further situations where segregation is necessary.

I trust these remarks are helpful for your work and we wish you every success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Signed

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