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Dear Mrs Hafner, *Christine*

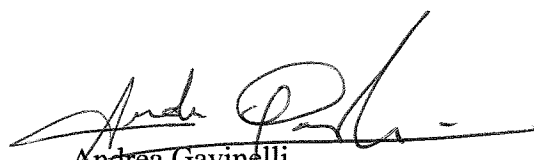
Thank you for your email of 22 June to Mr Simonin, in which you requested information on the space allowances for the transport of bovines. I am replying as responsible for the Unit.

Concerning the densities for the transport by road of cattle and after the evaluation of the estimations you provide us, I am able to confirm that this interpolation is probably the most accurate method to calculate the minimum stocking densities required when the weight of the bovines does not exactly match with the figures set out in the Regulation.

In addition, I would like to take the opportunity to highlight that as you may know, the Commission is working at present on a revision of the transport regulation, in particular on the provisions referred to the space allowances. The impact assessment developed to evaluate the implementation of the transport regulation revealed that to improve the enforcement, the definition of space allowances should be based on minor ranges of animals' weight.

The Commission will take into account the main outcomes of this impact assessment in the proposal ongoing in order to achieve better and more efficient enforcement and to ensure the highest possible level of protection of animals.

Yours sincerely,


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