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**Request for formal opinion
Protection of animals during transport**

Dear Sirs,

Animals' Angels is an animal welfare organisation specialized in the protection of animals during transport throughout Europe.

We repeatedly observed that female animals are transported together with their unweaned young in the same compartment with other adult animals. We mostly observed this regarding transports of horses and donkeys, but also regarding sheep and cattle. This fact easily leads to injuries of the young, as they are not protected from being kicked, squeezed or trampled by the adult animals

We would like to ask the European Commission for a formal opinion regarding the interpretation of Chapter I, A, point 3, lit. a of the annex of Council Directive 91/628 EEC as amended by Council directive 95/29 EC on the protection of animals during transport.

In particular we would ask for a clarification of the following questions:

- Does a female animal together with her unweaned young have to be separated (by means of a partition) from other adult animals, which are transported in the same compartment of the lorry?
- If several female animals travelling together with their young are transported in the same compartment of the lorry, does each female together with her young have to be separated from the other females and their young?

Yours sincerely,

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