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To whom it may concern,

As you may already know, Animals' Angels and PMAF (Protection Mondiale des Animaux de Ferme) have published a booklet for the French highway gendarmes, explaining in a clear form the animal welfare during transport legislation. Since its publication, we have been regularly invited to French highway gendarmerie offices to "train" their gendarmes further in regards to the legislation and how they can inspect animal welfare on livestock trucks.

So far, this program is running very well. Livestock trucks are now more regularly stopped and inspected in France for animal welfare infractions. Some gendarmes are particularly motivated and curious to learn more. It is often during our discussion periods after the training that I am confronted with detailed questions that I cannot answer. I was hoping that you would be able to clarify some points for me:

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4. The legislation requests that for journeys of over 8 hours, the truck must be equipped with dividers. However, it is not written that they **MUST** be in place. Enforcing this rule makes the gendarmes nervous because it is not clearly defined. Must the dividers also be put into place?

I very much appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to clarify the above points for me. During our next gendarme training I will feel much more confident answering the gendarmes' questions. Someone from the DDSV is always present at these trainings, but they themselves often do not know these answers, or disagree amongst themselves.

With very best wishes,

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PS I have included a copy of the brochure we published that was distributed to all gendarmerie brigades by the Gendarmerie National in Paris, and a copy of an article that was recently published in their magazine.