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Dear Mr Taylor,

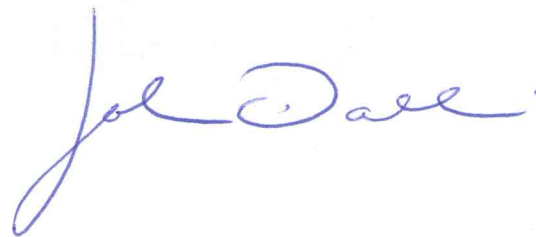
Thank you for your letter of 28 July 2011 relaying the concerns of your constituents on the journey times of animals being transported for fattening or slaughter.

As you certainly know, Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport¹ introduced a number of measures improving the transport conditions for animals. However, despite being part of the Commission proposal, revised provisions concerning travelling and space allowances were not adopted by the Council and those requirements have therefore remained unchanged since 1995.

The Commission is presently preparing a report on animal transport in accordance with Article 32 of the aforementioned Regulation. The report will consider the results presented in the Scientific Opinion Concerning the Welfare of Animals during Transport² adopted by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). The issues of journey times and of better enforcement that you raised in your letter will be addressed.

The report is planned for adoption in September 2011. In the light of the report, the Commission will consider which actions are appropriate to address any problems identified.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ OJ L 3, 5.1.2005, p. 1.

² EFSA Journal 2011;9(1):1966 [125 pp.].