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**Information on illegal animal transports on ferries from Varna,
 Bulgaria, to Batumi, Georgia from 24/07/2018 to 28/07/2018
 and appeal to enforce the laws**

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Dear ministers and commissioner,

As lawyer and in-house-counsel of the German affiliate of the international, worldwide working animal rights organisation People for the ethical treatment of animals (PETA) it is my duty to inform you about **blatant infringements of European and most likely national law within your responsibilities in the field of animal welfare.**

We received photographs and a video from a person travelling on a ferry from Varna, Bulgaria, to Batumi, Georgia, from 24/07/2018 to 28/07/2018. On that ferry were several lorries with hundreds, if not a thousands of pigs on board. The lorries with the pigs already ascended the ferry on 23/07/2018. That means the animals spent five days within the lorries on deck of the ferry. You find the aforementioned pictures and the video as an

ANNEX

on a CD attached to this letter.

During that time the animals got no supply of water, food or medicine. Since the transport took place during the heat wave, the temperatures inside the lorries were up to 60°C, our contact person reports. Every day around 40 pigs died due to the lack of supply of their basic needs. They were disposed through throwing them over board into the sea, some of them still alive.

The described circumstances are **clear and blatant infringements of the EU-regulation EC No. 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and**

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related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97. According to the essential judgement of the European Court of Justice on 23/04/2015 the abidance by the European transportation laws has to be ensured until the aim of the transport is reached, even if this is a place outside the EU. Therefore it would have been the duty of veterinarian authorities of Bulgaria and Georgia to ensure the lawfulness of the transport before, during and after the ferry took off the port of Varna.

According to our contact person, transports like the above mentioned between Varna, Bulgaria and Batumi, Georgia, **have been taking place for at least 8 years.**

Therefore we have the strong assumption that the competent authorities within your areas of responsibility in Bulgaria and Georgia fail observing and enforcing the valid laws.

We are also writing you on the assumption that national laws for the protection of animals of the states of Bulgaria and Georgia have been infringed.

We therefore ask you kindly but clearly to take action against the obvious unacceptable conditions and the horrific suffering of the animals in your fields of responsibility.

We further kindly as you to inform us on your proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex: DVD with pictures and video oft he described transport

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