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to the Commission**

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Subject: Number of animals transported within and from the EU in 2017

In 2009 the Commission reported that annually at least 1 billion poultry and 36 million sheep, goats, horses, pigs and bovine were transported within and from the EU. Since then a lot has changed: according to Eurostat, EU live exports of bovine, horses, pigs and ovine – in terms of tonnes – increased by 62 % between 2014 and 2017.

Evidence shows that severe violations occur during live animal transport. To understand the extent of the problem, updated figures are needed on the exact number of animals transported within the EU and from the EU to non-EU countries in 2017, rather than only their total weight.

Given that the data cannot be accessed through Eurostat (the 'supplementary value' option for these exports does not provide any result, while a total in kilos and the value of the exports are given), is the Commission envisaging disclosing these figures in number of heads?