WRITTEN QUESTION E-0508/03 by Laura González Álvarez (GUE/NGL) to the Commission

Subject: Protection of animals during transport in Spain

In 2000 and most recently in April last year the Commission's Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) went to Spain to inspect a number of meat markets and slaughterhouses. The inspections revealed general animal welfare problems and imperfections as regards the transport of animals.

Can the Commission confirm whether it has yet taken any measures to remedy the situation? Is Spain still failing to comply with Directive 91/628/EEC1?

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¹ OJ L 340, 11.12.1991, p. 17.