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Dear Ms Rezgui Pizette,

Subject: Animal welfare consultation: slaughter without stunning

Thank you for your letter of 12 June 2017 to my colleague Ms Zamora Escribano sharing comments on the draft technical document on slaughter without stunning in the context of ritual slaughter, developed in the frame of the DG SANTE's study on the preparation of best practices on the protection of animals at the time of killing. The same comments were sent on 27 June 2017 to Mr Prats Monné, Director General of DG SANTE.

I would like to inform you that your comments will be assessed by the team of experts of the contractor to whom this study was awarded.

The purpose of the study is to collect information on best practices for the protection of animals at the time of killing intended to serve as a technical toolbox assisting business operators and competent authorities in implementing the EU legislation¹.

Technical documents developed under this study will contain various options on how some requirements can be met based on the current scientific evidence and good commercial practices. They will not represent in any case a position of the Commission on the interpretation of EU law and will not have any legal binding authority.

Yours sincerely,


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¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing (OJ L 303, 18.11.2009, p. 1–30)