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Dear Commissioner,

According to a recent report from the International League for the Protection of Horses (ILPH), certain routes that are used frequently to transport horses would not be economically viable were EU Regulation (EC) 1/2005 properly enforced. That these routes remain operational raises the likelihood that animal welfare requirements are not being adequately met and supporting evidence suggests this is indeed the case. The ILPH and other animal welfare organisations argue that standards on individual partitions, feeding, watering and resting during journeys, and lorry rest periods are not being met. As a result, horses are suffering from extreme exhaustion, dehydration and serious injuries. In the most extreme cases horses die in transit.

I hope you will agree that member state failure to fully enforce (EC)1/2005 must be taken very seriously. I enclose a summary of the ILPH's report and trust you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Yours sincerely,



Caroline Lucas - Green Party MEP for South East England.