

Commissioner Charlie McCreevy
Commissioner for Internal Market and Services
European Commission
Rue de la Loi, 200
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10 May 2006

Dear Commissioner McCreevy,

Re: Ban on wild animals in circuses:

Thank you for your reply of 20th March in which you outline the current situation regarding the Austrian ban on wild animals in circuses.

In your letter you mentioned that the response of the Austrian Government was being analysed, I would be grateful if you could confirm the outcome of this analysis, and whether as a result the ban will be allowed to remain in place. As stated in my previous letter, I firmly believe that the Austrian ban constitutes an example of best practice in terms of safeguarding animal welfare, one which other European countries should be permitted to replicate, safe in the knowledge that they will not face legal proceedings from the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Lucas', written in a cursive style.

Caroline Lucas MEP