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Dear Mrs Lucas,

Thank you very much for your letter of 19 May 2004 concerning the Limassol zoo.

According to the Article 4 (2) of Council Directive 1999/22/EC of 29 March 1999 relating to the keeping of wild animals in zoos¹ every zoo must have a license granted by the competent authority.

This directive has been transposed into national legislation in Cyprus and should be fully implemented as from 1 May 2004. Accordingly, the Commission will look into the case and contact the competent authorities in Cyprus to obtain more information.

Yours sincerely,


Margot WALLSTRÖM

¹ OJ L 94, 9.4.1999, p. 24