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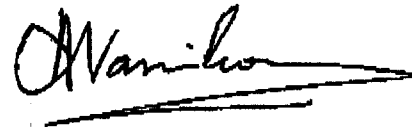
Dear Ms Lucas,

The Commission shares your views concerning the need for better information of consumers on animal welfare issues.

The Commission adopted on 28 October 2009 a report to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on *Options for animal welfare labelling and the establishment of a European Network of Reference Centres for the protection and welfare of animals*¹. The impact assessment and feasibility study supporting the report present several options for the possible establishment of a European Network of Reference Centres for the protection and welfare of animals. The aim of the report is to facilitate an in-depth debate with the other institutions and to receive political guidance on the issue from the other EU institutions. The outcome of this discussion will orientate the future policy of the Commission in this area.

The Commission looks forward to the European Parliament's input and will be pleased to keep you informed of the evolution of discussions in this area.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ The report and the documents following the report are available on the website of the Directorate General for Health and Consumers at the following link:
http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/farm/labelling_en.htm