



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

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Dear Ms Konijnenberg,

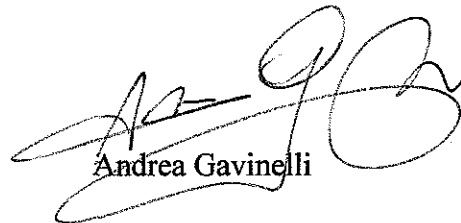
Thank you for your email of 19 January addressed to Commissioner Dalli regarding the enforcement of the ban of cat and fur in the European Union. Commissioner Dalli asked me to reply on his behalf as the Head of Unit responsible for animal health and welfare in the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers. Please accept my apologies for the late reply.

I have read with great interest the report attached to your email where you describe from a European citizen point of view the current state of play of the implementation of the ban in The Netherlands.

I would like to take this opportunity to state that enforcement of EU legislation is a priority for the Commission. Regarding the ban on cat and dog fur, the Commission intends to collect information from Member States on the state of play of the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1523/2007 in March 2011. On the basis of the information collected, the Commission is planning to present a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Regulation (EC) No 1523/2007 in the last trimester 2011.

The report you provided and the issues you raised will be taken into account during the process of the collection of information.

Yours sincerely,



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