

DG HEALTH and CONSUMERS  
Mr. Tonio Borg  
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Dear Mr. Borg,  
Thousands, millions of live farm animals are transported over long distances within the EU and from the EU. The journey takes several hours, several days, road, sea, rivers ... The evidence and testimony of great suffering, pain and death of these animals are well known for many years - despite only very weak steps have been introduced to end this suffering, and more – it is proved that no legislative measures can not protect and save animals from the cruelty; the provisions of EC Regulation 1/2005 profoundly failed in the protection of animals during transport.

Please take a look at the pictures on the other side - evidence of "situation" of EU livestock, mainly transported for slaughter at the end of the road or fattening, and then, also a slaughter.  
The images were taken in the EU and outside the EU, in countries where our laws are not valid and live animals are seen as commodities or food. Often these are Muslim countries where it is practiced so-called halal slaughter, the animals are treated brutally, being beaten, injuring, under stress and livestock is killed in very cruel method of slaughter - without prior stunning. The staff is not trained to considerate handling of animals and the gentle handling at slaughter.

We, the citizens of the EU, we are appalled by these everyday practices and situations. We know, from non-governmental organizations, the media and some of us from personal experience that this situation is not unique.

We, the citizens of the EU, we do not want farm animals to undergo this suffering, stress, pain and death. Farm animals intended for slaughter must be imported for slaughter as close as possible to their breeding and instead can be transported over long distances meat and animal products. Necessary provisions and equipment there are for many years.

We hope for you too, Mr. Borg, that you do not want farm animals to suffer and that you know about the situation, in which farm animals are in transport and related handling.

You, as the commissioner for health and consumer, you have the power to change the situation, to end extreme hardship of millions of lives.

You can initiate and submit a proposal to revise the regulations for the protection / welfare of transported farm animals, you can propose a maximum time limit of 8 hours for transport to a slaughterhouse - no exceptions, you can specify the action to feed the animals as close as possible to their place of birth, you can act and convince other parties and establish measures to ensure that livestock for slaughter or intended for fattening, is not exported from the EU, but instead it only meat and animal products.  
You can!

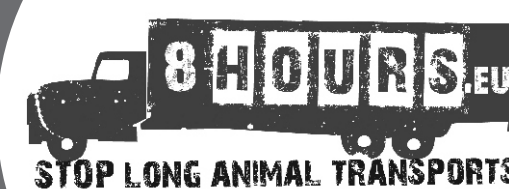
We, the citizens of the EU, we urge you, Mr. Borg, to act in the interests of farm animals in order to end the atrocities that are committed to them during transport and related handling.

Yours sincerely

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(Society for Animals  
and the undersigned  
citizens of EU



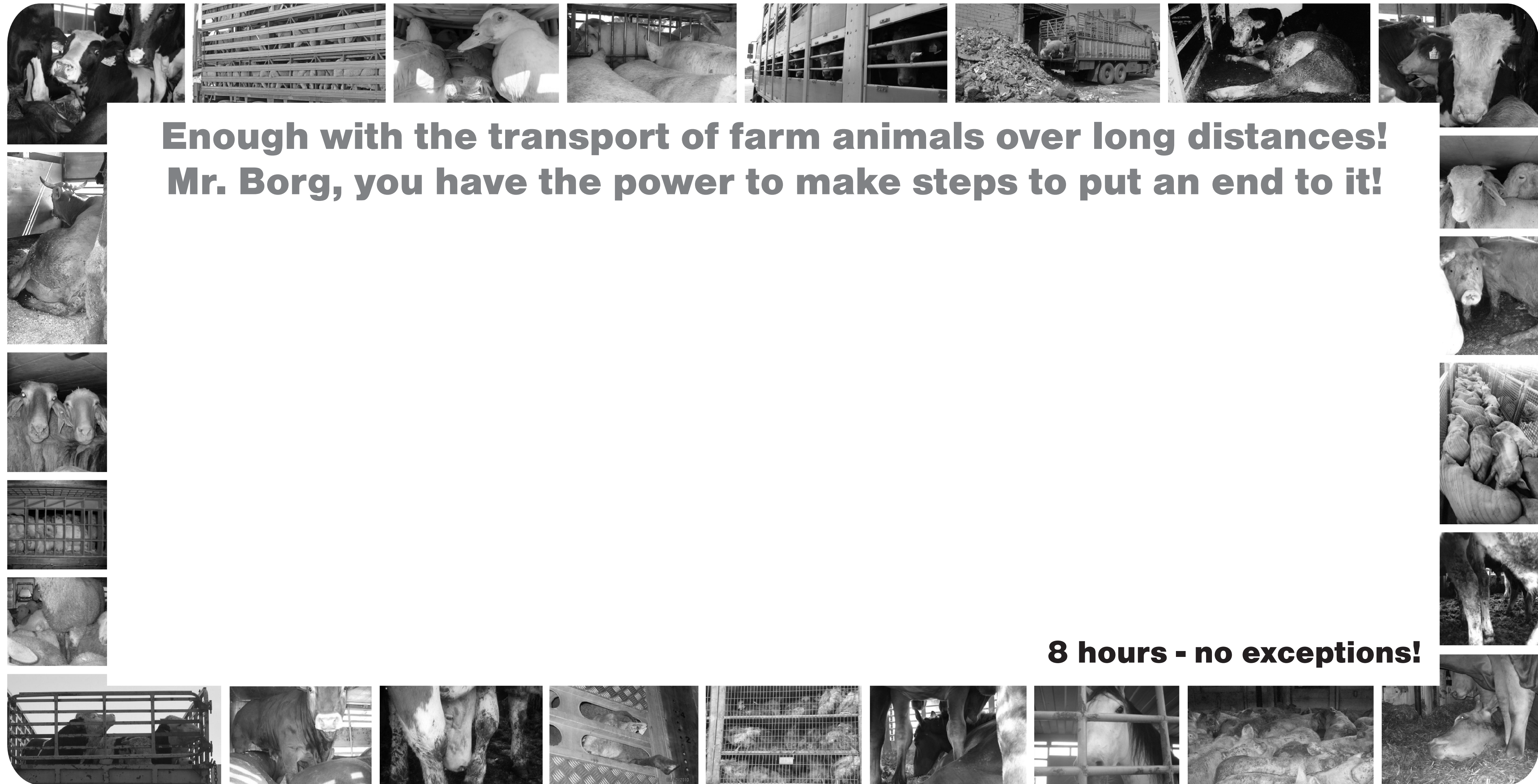
We support 8 HOURS



Have you tried to travel with children in a row 9 hours, after an hour's pause next 9 hours? Calves, lambs, kids of goats and foals on a milk diet and unweaned piglets must as follows "traveling". Can you imagine a 24-hour ride in a cramped bus, without a break, as pigs have to "travel"? Totally unrealistic ... And so we let animals that cannot defend themselves against people's despotism!

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8 hours - no exceptions!