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HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

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Dear Ms Raycheva,

Thank you for your email of 11 April addressed to Commissioner Dalli regarding the lack enforcement of the ban of cat and fur in a Bazaar in Sofia and at local markets in Bulgaria. Commissioner Dalli asked me to reply on his behalf as the Head of Unit responsible for animal welfare in the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers.

I confirm that since 1 January 2009, Regulation (EC) No 1523/2007 prohibits the placing on the market of cat and dog fur in the European Union.

The Commission will ask the Bulgarian authorities to provide clarifications on the sale of dog fur in the Bazaar of Sofia and at local markets within the framework of a current request for information addressed to all Member States on the implementation of the above Regulation.

I hope this answer is useful and wish to thank you for your interest in animal welfare.

Yours sincerely,



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