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Mr. Ronald Dwinger
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Animal Health and Standing Committees
B-1049 Brussels

Subject: Discontinuous slaughter, SANCO/2696/2006 amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005

Dear Mr. Dwinger,

During the FVE spring GA in Krakow in the beginning of June our hygiene specialists thoroughly discussed again the definition of discontinuous slaughter (Annex VI b). Therefore in addition to our letter from 13 April 2007 FVE would like to comment again on the subject of discontinuous slaughter.

FVE confirms its acceptance of the concept of discontinuous slaughter, as long as it is limited to artisan type slaughter processes, which should be clearly defined by each Member State.

However, as we already stated in our last letter, FVE's main concern is that the derogation regarding discontinuous slaughter will be extended to middle sized establishments where the implementation of this principle may lead to unacceptable standards of hygiene practices. In order to prevent this, FVE highly recommends to the Commission that the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) should schedule regular inspections to Member States who make use of this principle in order to verify that the food safety standards will not be compromised in such cases.

We thank you for your time and consideration and ask you not to hesitate to contact us in case further information would be required. We will be happy to answer your questions.

Yours sincerely,

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