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Betreff: Romanian heifers stuck at border please do not waste more time

Priorität: Hoch

Dear Commissioner Kyriakides, dear Dr. Iliyan Kostov, Dr. Svetlozar Patarinski,

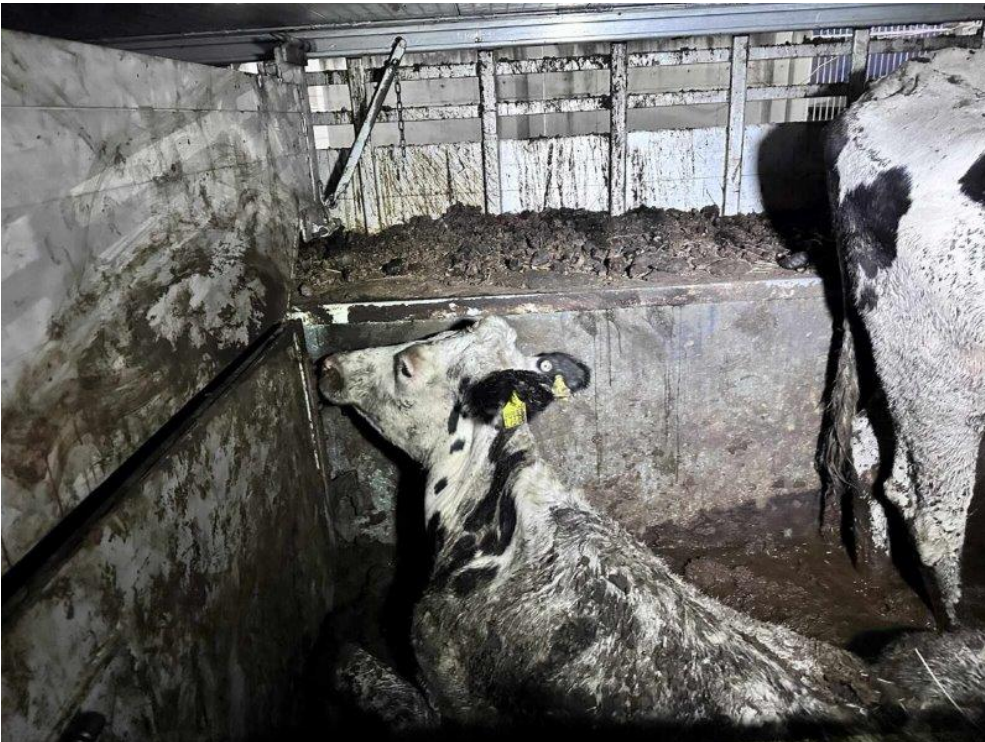
Animal Welfare Foundation and Animals' Angels are sending you this email with an urgent plea to intervene on behalf of the 47 animals who have been stuck in a lorry at the border, in their own faeces, among two decomposing animals.

We understand that Bulgaria is unfortunately the bottleneck of this trade and we fully agree that these animals should never have been sent from Romania to Turkey, ignoring the import requirements of the Turkish Ministry.

The heifers, which originate in the European Union were rejected by Turkish officials and should be moved back from nomansland territory to the Union.

We are afraid that these 47 Romanian animals are going to suffer the same fate as the German heifers at the beginning of October. Animals' Angels and Animal Welfare Foundation witnessed the last days of the German cattle detained onboard the trucks in the Turkish customs territory, we witnessed the birth of calves that had no chance of survival, we witnessed how downers were pulled from the truck with winches at the slaughterhouse and we witnessed the disposal of the dead animals on a garbage dump. We have seen animal suffering before, but never animals suffering and dying in such unworthy conditions and we never imagined that this drama would happen again, and so soon. The irremovability of the involved authorities in front of the immense suffering of living beings can no longer be tolerated and must stop.

Please take a look at the extreme suffering of the German heifers just two weeks ago. We have named two of the downers Hope and Mercy, but it has not been granted to them:

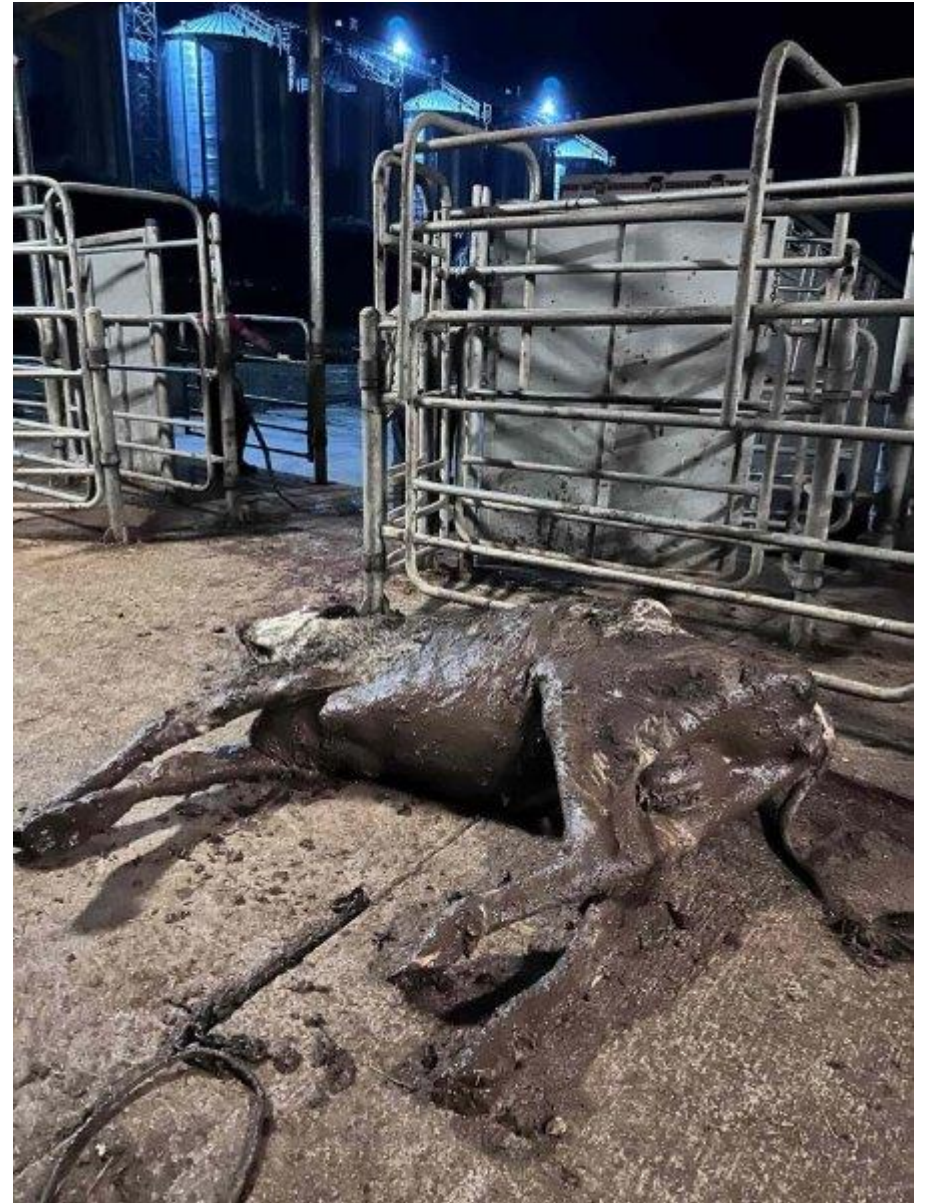


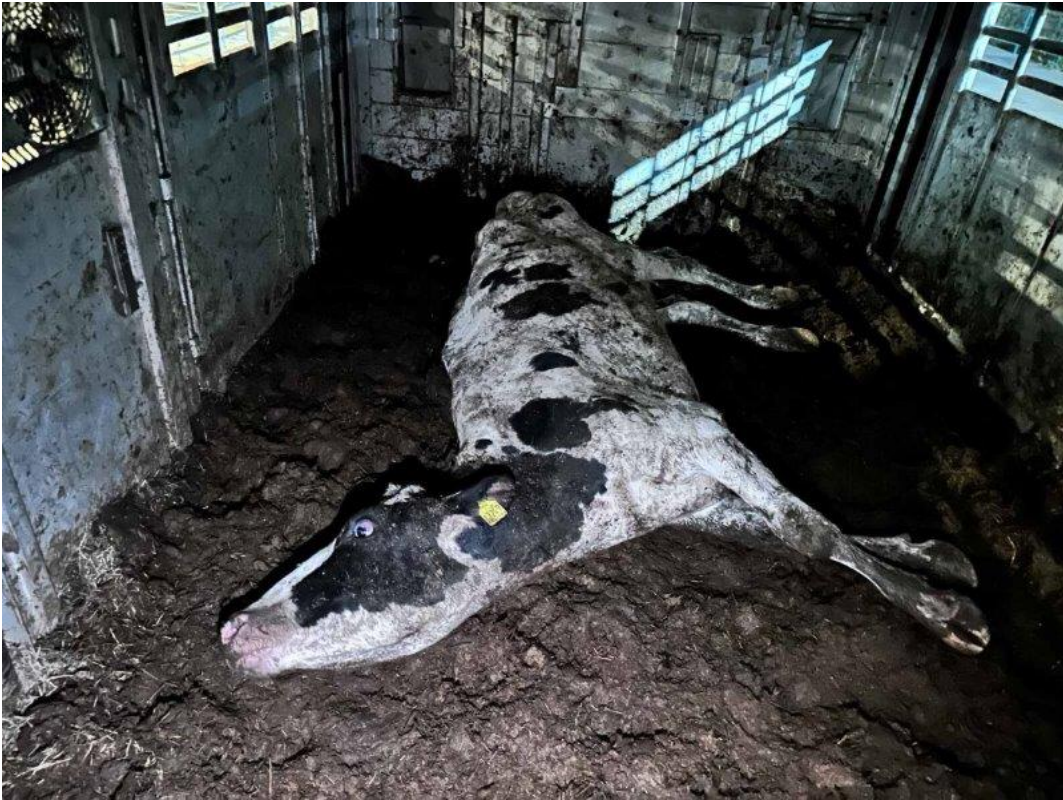
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Hope and Mercy, still alive. They were not emergency killed, but dragged out of the trucks and left unattended at the slaughterhouse for many hours (14th October 2024).





Dead heifers and calves unloaded at the garbage dump (15th October 2024).



Dear Commissioner Kyriakidis, dear Dr. Kostov, Dr. Svetlozar Patarinski,

We are afraid that you are the only persons who can have an impact on the fate of the Romanian heifers, stuck in nomansland since 18th October. The animals are already since 12 days confined in the vehicle.

Please do not waste any more time.

Please, don't bounce the matter back to the Turkish authorities.

Please, accept the animals back to Bulgaria and Romania.

Circumstances and the law allow it, there are also precedents, it is only a matter of will.

Set a good example in this terrible situation and do the right thing that all citizens are waiting for.

Thank you,



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