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Dear Mr. Haugmark,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning
access to information on distribution of medicine to Danish livestock
(Ref. ACCC/C/2008/28)**

On 7 September 2008, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication submitted by you and addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention regarding compliance by Denmark with certain provisions of the Convention.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2008/28, which you are invited to cite in future correspondence on the matter.

The Committee, having considered the communication, has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication. Furthermore, the preliminary determination that the communication is admissible is not intended to pre-judge any decision by the Committee on whether, when or how to proceed with consideration of the substance of the communication. This is partly due to the fact that most members of the Committee do not read Danish and while the documentation available in English, together with the advice of those members who do read Danish, was considered sufficient to reach a preliminary determination on admissibility, some documents in Danish need to be translated into English before the Committee is able to decide on further steps.


In this regard we would like to inquire whether you might have a possibility to provide the Committee with English versions of any or all of the following documents: the request for information dated 22 June 2004, the refusal to provide information dated 12 July 2004, Ombudsman decision dated 4 May 2006 and the Environmental Board of Appeal decision of 30 July 2008. If not, the secretariat will explore other possibilities.

A number of additional questions have been raised in a letter to the Party concerned, a copy of which is attached for your information. Should you wish to address any of those questions, you are welcome to do so.

The Committee may approach you with some specific questions once some of the information contained in the annexes to the communication is available in English.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Wates

Secretary

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Cc: Ms. Jette Blendstrup Sørensen, National Focal Point for the Aarhus Convention, Danish Environmental Protection Agency

Incl. Communication, including attachments
Datasheet
Preliminary determination on admissibility
Copy of the letter to Ms. Jette Blendstrup Sørensen, National Focal Point for the Aarhus Convention, Danish Environmental Protection Agency