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Dear Ms. Sørensen,

**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 Mr. Knud Haugmark and addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention regarding compliance by Denmark with certain provisions of the Convention.

Please find enclosed a copy of the communication, which is being forwarded to you at the request of the Committee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties to 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.

Having regard to paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of this letter, any written explanations or statements clarifying the matter referred to in the communication and describing any response that may have been made in the mean time.

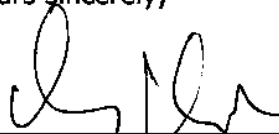
Paragraph 21 of the annex to decision I/7 stipulates that the Committee, under certain circumstances, should at all relevant stages take into account any available domestic remedy. In this regard, the Committee would appreciate information on when a decision in the appeal that is currently before the Agency for University and Buildings is likely to be made, whether that decision on the appeal is subject to further appeal and/or may be referred to the Ombudsman, and if so, the approximate timeframes involved in these processes. It would be very helpful for the Committee's deliberations if this information could be provided before the end of November so that the Committee may take it into account at its next meeting (17-19 December 2008).

The Committee would also like to know whether the key pieces of legislation that are referred to in the communication are available in English, namely the Act on Access to Environmental Information (Lov om Aktindsigt i Miljøoplysninger) and the Freedom of Information Act (Offentlighedsloven). If so, please could you provide these to the Committee with your response.

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Jeremy Waes

Secretary

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

Cc: Mr. Knud Haugmark

Incl. Communication, including attachments
Datasheet
Preliminary determination on admissibility
Copy of letter to Mr. Haugmark