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Dear Ms. Aarøe and Mr. Møller,
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)

We write to advise that at its thirty-fifth meeting (13-16 December 2011), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee reviewed developments with respect to the abovenamed communication and recorded the following in its report of the meeting:

"With regard to communication ACCC/C/2008/28 (Denmark), the secretariat informed the Committee that the Party concerned had notified it that the Danish Ombudsman had released its decision on 2 December 2011. In its decision, the Ombudsman held that the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education had not fully explained how disclosure of the requested information would affect the confidentiality of commercial information and requested the Ministry to review its decision. The Committee instructed the secretariat to ask the Party concerned about the likely timeframe for the Ministry to review its decision. Depending on this information, the Committee provisionally scheduled to discuss that communication at its thirty-sixth meeting (27-30 March 2012)."

In light of the above, we would be grateful if Ms Aarøe or Mr Imer Møller would indicate, at their earliest convenience, the likely timeframe for the Ministry to review its previous decision.

In addition, the Compliance Committee asked for the Party concerned to provide the Committee with an English translation of the full report of the Ombudsman as one of the two working languages of the Committee. We would be grateful if it would be possible to receive this translation by mid February in order that the Committee members have

time to review it well in advance of their thirty-sixth meeting.

The advance unedited copy of the report of the thirty-fifth meeting, including information concerning the communication at issue, will shortly be accessible at the following link <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm>.

Yours sincerely,



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Acting Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

cc: Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva