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Sale or use of illegal battery eggs after 1 January 2012

Dear Minister Marek Sawicki,

The forthcoming ban on barren battery cages is one of the most important animal welfare reforms that has ever been agreed by the EU.

I urge the Polish Presidency to press the EU Agriculture Council not to undermine the ban by authorising the sale or use of illegally produced battery eggs. If producers who are unlawfully using battery cages after 1 January are able to legally sell the eggs (even if just as egg product) their incentive to move away from these cages will be diminished.

I hope that the Council will stress that they do not intend to weaken the law and that the sale of battery eggs, even for use as an ingredient in products, will be illegal from 1 January 2012.

Yours faithfully

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