



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants  
**The Director**

Brussels,  
SANTE/G5/MK/dm(2021) 959946

**Subject: Charity aid for a dog shelter in Romania after Brexit**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your e-mails of 30 January and 1 February 2021 sent to Mr Andrea Gavinelli, Head of unit “Animal welfare, Antimicrobial resistance”.

In your e-mails, you call on the European Commission to help in bringing from the United Kingdom donated food, medicine and bedding for dogs to your charity private shelter in Romania.

Specifically, you ask for a solution that would allow avoiding fulfilling all the customs procedures, namely the health certificates for goods your charity is being sending.

It is crucial to keep a high level of protection of public health, animal health and plant health inside the EU territory.

The UK has chosen to leave the European Union and to no longer align its sanitary and phytosanitary legislation to the relevant EU legislation. This means that the EU harmonised legislation on entry into the Union of animal products from third countries, including pet food of animal origin, must also apply to the UK.

Therefore, imports of pet food from this country must be presented at border control posts (BCPs) for official controls, in order to verify that they comply with the entire range of EU import requirements.

Thank you for your commitment to protecting animals.

Yours sincerely,

*[e-signed]*  
Bernard Van Goethem