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Dear Ms Irwin

Re: Substitution of vets for accredited stockpersons on live export voyages

Thank you for your correspondence on this issue. We note that neither of the two questions we asked were answered by your response. We would appreciate answers to those questions. The questions were as follows:

1. How many occasions have exporters been allowed by your department to waive the requirement for a stockperson to be on board a live export ship, and on what legal basis that waiver has been granted.
2. Has your department any process in place to independently check whether a stockperson or an AAV (as nominated on the NOI) has in fact travelled on a live export voyage, and if so, what that process is?

In addition, your letter did not clarify if there was or was not a stockman present on the *MV Hereford Express* between Singapore and Malaysia in December 2008, after the AAV left the ship at Singapore.

Yours sincerely

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