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Subject: SA. 32824 Alleged unlawful aid to Kormal Spolka zoo

Dear Sir,

In the above mentioned matter, you have submitted a complaint on behalf of the Swedish trade union "Byggnads" concerning the granting of alleged state aid to Kormal Spolka zoo.

In its letter sent on 26th April 2011, the Commission invited you to submit further comments within one month from the date of this letter and if no further comments had been received within this period, your complaint would be deemed to withdraw.

It was also mentioned that, on the basis of the information available at this moment, the Commission had come to the following preliminary assessment : in view of the fact that the Swedish law appeared to be a correct transposition of binding Community rules, the measures you complain of, would a priori not constitute State aid under Article 107 TFUE.

By letter of 19 May 2011, the Commission accepted your request to extend the deadline for the submission of additional information by the 9 June 2011.

On 9 June 2011, the Commission received your reply in which you requested separate meetings with DG Competition and DG Employment. The meeting with DG Competition took place on 29 June 2011. You informed the Commission that Byggnads talked with the Ministry of employment and some Swedish Members of Parliament and planned to meet European Members of Parliament. One of them would raise the issue with Vice-President Almunia and Commissioner Andor in July.

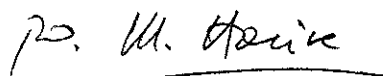
On 23 September 2011, you sent an e-mail to the Commission to inform that Byggnads intended again to meet Vice-President Almunia and Commissioner Andor.

Concerning the State aid issue, no new elements had been provided so far.

Therefore the services of the Commission have not been able to identify any issue regarding unlawful State aid.

In light of that assessment the Commission services do not envisage to pursue the matter further.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature of Joachim Luecking in black ink, written in a cursive style.

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