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Subject: Urgent request to ensure Compliance of Transport of Animals Rules, 1978 (amended in 2001 and 2009) under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (PCA Act) in regard to Illegal Cattle Transportation at the India-Nepal Border.

Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Animal Welfare Board of India to bring to your attention the grave issue of illegal transportation of cattle from India to Nepal, taking place across key districts in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, including Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi, Sheohar, Darbhanga, Pashchim Champaran, Purvi Champaran, Saran, Gopalganj, Kishanganj, Supaul, and Madhubani. This illegal movement of cattle not only poses serious threats to our agricultural economy but also results in severe violations of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (PCA Act), particularly in relation to the transportation and welfare of these animals.

2. In this regard, it is submitted that the Transport of Animals Rules, 1978, established under the PCA Act, mandates transporters to obtain valid transport certificates from the relevant authorities, ensuring that all animals are fit for transport. The animals must be transported in vehicles that provide sufficient space, ventilation, and protection from adverse weather conditions, in compliance with Rule 96 of the Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001 & 2009.

3. It is submitted that, wherever any case of illegal transportation is detected, the provisions of the Care and Maintenance of Case Property Animals Rules, 2017 must be strictly adhered to by the concern law enforcement agency. Under these rules, the animals seized by law enforcement must be immediately handed over to animal welfare organizations or gaushalas (cow shelters) registered with the Animal Welfare