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The Owner,  
The Fishmongers,  
Victoria Market,  
Nottingham

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have been contacted regarding the sale of live lobster and crab on your premises. It has been alleged that at times you have live crustaceans out on display on a chilled slab and not in an aerated tank of water.

By keeping crustaceans out of water for prolonged periods you may be causing the animals unnecessary suffering and leaving yourself open to possible prosecution. This would be a matter for the RSPCA to deal with and I have copied them into this correspondence as they may wish to send an inspector along to advise you on the best way to provide for the welfare of livestock within your shop.

I would however ask you to consider keeping live crustaceans in a tank of aerated water and out of direct sunlight. If you have not already done so I would also ask you to install a Crustastun on your premises and use it to humanly kill any crabs or lobster at point of sale.

You can find out more about humane killing of lobster and crabs at the link below:

<http://www.rspca.org.uk/servlet/BlobServer?blobtable=RSPCABlob&blobcol=urlblob&blobkey=id&blobwhere=1223294842888&blobheader=application/pdf>

While on your website I also noticed that you sell frogs legs. Many years ago I learned that frog stocks in France had almost been wiped out and that frogs had to be imported from Asia. I watched film of frogs being cut in half on rusty blades with the top halves crawling away and taking many minutes to die. As frog populations declined due to unregulated hunting the insect population exploded as did the incidence of insect borne diseases.

The trade in wild frogs is inhumane and environmentally damaging.

I ask you to consider discontinuing the supply of frogs legs on those grounds. You can find out more on the links below.

<http://www.savethefrogs.com/threats/frog-legs/>

<http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2009/aug/07/frogs-legs-extinction>

Yours sincerely,

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