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Ms. Delphine Reuter
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Dear Ms. Reuter,

Subject: Northern Vitality

Thank you for your letter of 6 September to Commissioner Potočnik drawing attention to the case of "Northern Vitality". The Commissioner has asked me to reply on his behalf.

DG Environment has taken contact with the German authorities, who have ensured us that they have blocked the ship from departure, and that they will ensure full compliance with the EU Waste Shipment Regulation. As there has been a parallel letter to the German authorities from your side, I assume that those authorities will explain further details to you directly.

I remain at your disposal for further discussions as regards ship recycling.

Yours sincerely,

Julio GARCÍA BURGUÉS
Head of Unit