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They promised
those cages would
be outlawed

It's not *us*
who should
be locked up

ILLEGAL CAGES STILL IN THE UK: TAKE ACTION

The UK egg industry offered repeated assurances that they would be fully compliant with the EU barren battery cage ban by the 1st January 2012. Shockingly, this has proved not to be the case.

Information released by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) shows that around 30 egg producers in the UK are not compliant with the ban. The result is that as many as 300,000 hens are still being kept in illegal barren battery cages.

Given that egg producers have had since 1999 to get their hens out of these cages, this situation is appalling and in urgent need of resolution.

Please take a few moments to send the letter below, asking Jim Paice, the Minister of State at Defra, to take immediate action against the 30 producers involved – and to additionally ensure that none of the illegal eggs enter the UK food chain.

Please send this letter now.

Compliance with the barren battery cage ban

Dear Mr Paice,

I am extremely concerned to learn that around 30 UK farms are illegally using barren battery cages despite having been given 12 years to phase this system out.

Having received repeated assurances from the industry that UK producers would meet the 1st January 2012 deadline for ending the use of these cages, it is very disappointing to find that a number of UK farmers are continuing to use what is by now an illegal system.

I urge the Government to impose hefty fines on egg producers still using illegal cages and to take effective steps to achieve immediate compliance by these farmers with the prohibition of the use of barren battery cages. I also urge the Government to make it clear to retailers that under the EU Egg Marketing Regulation it would be illegal for them to sell eggs from these non-compliant producers.

Yours sincerely,

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