

Reference is being made to Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005. Attached please find Malta's report on the protection of animals during transport for 2011. Please be informed that all animal transport in Malta involves trips of under 50km and that in Malta there are no animal markets. Transport concerning animals on the local road network is only subject to Articles 3 and 27 of the Regulation. The conditions of Article 3 are adhered to regularly and no infringements were found during the regular inspections.

In 2011, there were a number of consignments to Malta from other Member States involving 209 live horses, 489 porcine, 489 bovine and 1580 domestic birds and rabbits. All these consignments were inspected and no infringements were found. The transport vehicles used and the handlers were all in line with the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005. There were no consignments of live animals entering or leaving the customs territory of the Community that involved farm animals and the consignments arriving from third countries involved pets, and the regular International Air Transport Association (IATA) crating dimensions were observed in all cases.