

## DIRECTORATE FOR ANIMAL HEALTH AND PROTECTION SERVICES

### ACTION PLAN

#### ANIMAL TRANSPORT

In the light of the results of the checks carried out in 2010 in the area of animal protection during transport and the of the follow-up action taken in this area over the past year, an action plan has been drawn up to address the instances of non-compliance observed and increase the effectiveness of controls on animal transport.

We would note that some of the measures referred to in this Action Plan already appear in the animal protection plan for 2011, which was discussed with the DGV regional services, taking account of the results of the checks performed in 2010. In addition, when actions were being proposed for the Animal Welfare Division and the Follow-up Plan for the 2011 Animal Protection Plan the results of checks in the area of animal protection during transport were taken into consideration.

A series of specific measures were thus proposed with the aim of resolving problems detected in 2010 and stepping up controls in 2011. Among the measures proposed the following are of particular note:

1. Development of a specific plan of action in relation to the issue of animals' fitness for transport. This action plan focuses on a range of areas of activity considered fundamental for the correct implementation of the requirements relating to fitness for transport. The aim is thus to improve dissemination of the requirements relating to fitness, to evaluate and monitor cases where animals are unfit for transport and to step up checks at points considered of critical importance here.
2. Theoretical and practical training for personnel of GNR-SEPNA (Nature and Environmental Protection Service of the National Guard) in the area of protection of animals during transport.
3. Creation of working instruments for use by GNR-SEPNA personnel during roadside checks on animal transport
3. Step up checks during long-haul transport of animals to verify the technical suitability of the vehicles (satellite tracking system) and assess travelling times.
4. Step up animal transport checks in assembly centres in order to examine in detail certain critical points related to the fitness of the animals and the documentation of the transport.
5. Step up follow-up checks (Follow-up Plan for the 2011 Animal Protection Plan) during long-haul transport and in assembly centres.
6. Step up checks in assembly centres for swine.