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**Subject: Annual report on the protection of animals during transport for 2008**

The State Food and Veterinary Service of Republic of Lithuania (SFVS) inform that in 2008 county, district and city SFVS officials made 2700 checks of animals in transport and detected 52 infringements on protection of animals during transport. By the Administrative Code of Lithuania 18 physical and legal persons were imposed fines of 1130 LTL for the violation of legal acts on animal welfare.

An analysis of the major infringements in 2008 is presented below:

<b>Non conformity points</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1. Suitability of animals for transport	6	11.53%
2. Space and density	8	15.40%
3. Ventilation	2	3.84%
4. Design and maintenance of the means of transport	8	15.40%
5. Separation of animals	4	7.70%
6. Absence or non conformity of the journey log	5	9.61%
7. Duration of transport and rest	6	11.53%
8. Loading and unloading	7	13.46%
9. Care and handling of animals	2	3.84%
10. Others	4	7.69%
Total:	52	100%

In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No.1/2005 of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No.1255/97, the SFVS has organized meetings with the official veterinarians-inspectors who perform quarterly inspections. The SFVS has an annual training

programme for its officials.

The Training Centre of Continuing Education of the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy organized and conducted training for animal handlers, drivers and attendants on the issues of animal safety during transport. The Centre also organized trainings for transporters and drivers – 383 in 2008. The SFVS has additionally committed the Centre to ensure that starting from 3 January 2008 the attendants of animal during transport be trained following the requirements of Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No.1/2005.

In 2008, under the Twinning Project No. LT/2006/IB/AG/02 "Strengthening control on the system for the protection of animals" trainings for the official veterinary inspectors who perform official controls of the animals during transport were conducted on the following subjects:

- General conditions for the transport of animals,
- Filling in transport documents,
- Suitability of animals for transport,
- Suitability of the means of transport for transport of animals,
- Understanding of the physiology of animals, their needs for feeding and watering, of animal behaviour and stress,
- Practical aspects of behaviour towards animals,
- Impact of driving practices on the welfare of animals and quality of meat,
- Care of animals in emergencies,
- Safety of staffs handling animals.

Under the Twinning Project No. LT/2006/IB/AG/02 "Strengthening control on the system for the protection of animals" during the first quarter ( 25-28 February the orders of SFVS director No.B1-109 and No B1-110) 2008 the training course "Welfare control of animals during transport" was conducted for official veterinary inspectors, with an emphasis on the approval of transporters for long journeys, conformity of the means of transport used for long journeys, evaluation of the route and verification of the journey logs.

The officials of the territorial SFVS may not approve the journeys logs which do not meet the requirements.

The officials of the territorial SFVS must verify the actual watering and feeding intervals, resting and journey times during the journey by inspecting the filled in journey logs after completion of the journey.

Last year, the Food and Veterinary Internal Audit Service carried out one non-scheduled inspection on the conformity with Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005.

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