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SUBJECT: *REGULATION (EC) NO 1/2005, ARTICLE 27 – INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT IN ITALY DURING 2009 ON PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT*

Herewith a report on **inspections carried out in Italy during 2009** with regard to protection of animals during transport. It includes an analysis of the minor deficiencies detected and the action plan to address them, pursuant to Article 27(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005.

Apologies for not sending this by the deadline in the Regulation. Please contact us if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

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PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT

Annual report on inspections carried out in ITALY

ANNO 2009

(REGULATION (EC) NO 1/2005 – Article 27)

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1. INTRODUCTION

Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 lists measures for animal protection during transport within the EU. Under the terms of Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005, Member States send the European Commission an annual report containing the number of inspections carried out in this sector, broken down into the following categories:

- 1) inspections of transport vehicles and animals during road transport;
- 2) inspections of transport vehicles and animals at the time of their arrival at the places of destination;
- 3) inspections of transport vehicles and animals in the markets, places of departure and places of rest and transfer;
- 4) inspection of information shown in the transport documents.

The report shall also contain: a) an analysis of the main irregularities identified and b) an action plan to remedy the deficiencies detected.

In addition to a short schedule of national laws and authorities competent in the sector, the information required by the Commission is given below.

2. RELEVANT LAWS

Veterinary Police Regulation approved by Presidential Decree No 320 of 8 February 1954
Law No 222 of 12 April 1973 – Ratification and Implementation of the European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport
Law No 244 of 28 April 1982 – Ratification of the Additional Protocol to the European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport
Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 concerning Community criteria for staging points and amending the route plan referred to in the Annex to Directive 91/628/EEC
Commission Regulation (EC) No 639/2003 of 9 April 2003 laying down detailed rules pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 as regards requirements for the granting of export refunds related to the welfare of live bovine animals during transport
Council Regulation (EC) No 1040/2003 of 11 June 2003 amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 as regards the use of staging points
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
Legislative Decree No 151 of 25 July 2007 – Penalties for infringing the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations

3. COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

<u>Level</u>	<u>Competent authority</u>	<u>Functions performed</u>
Central	<p>Ministry of Employment, Health and Social Policies Department for Veterinary Public Health, Feed and Food Safety Directorate General of Animal Health and Veterinary Drugs – Rome</p> <p>Border Inspection Posts (PIFs)</p> <p>Veterinary Offices for EU requirements (UVAC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guiding and coordination of activities carried out within Italy; • Collection and grouping of data provided by the Regions and peripheral Ministry of Health Departments (PIF, UVAC); • Exchange of information with Member States (Articles 24 and 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005), third countries and international organisations; • Participation in working parties within the EU, European Council and the OIE; • Inspections during live animal import and export; • Collection of data on inspections carried out and transmission of data to the Ministry of Health; • Coordination of ASL veterinary service activities during the intra-EU exchange of live animals; • Planning of remote inspections by the ASLs; • Possibility of direct local inspection checks and adoption of the necessary measures in the event of infringement; • Communication of infringements detected to Member States (Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005).
Regional	<p>Regional Veterinary Service present in each of the 19 regions and 2 autonomous provinces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guiding and coordination of ASL veterinary service activities; • Collection and grouping of data on inspections carried out by the ASLs and transmission of data to the Ministry of Health.
Local	<p>Local NHS units (ASLs) approximately 220 present in Italy. The area they cover varies from one or more municipalities to an entire province. Each ASL contains a veterinary service (area C – stock hygiene and animal products) responsible for inspections and supervising animal protection and welfare.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of authorisations in the exercise of animal transport, pursuant to Presidential Decree 320/54 and Regulation (EC) No 1/2005; • Issue of animal stock documentation during transport; • Performance of inspections and on-the-spot checks pursuant to Articles 15 and 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005; • Adoption of the necessary measures in the event of infringement (corrective measures, penalties, reports to the legal authorities); • Collection of data on controls carried out and infringements identified; annual transmission of data to the respective regional administrations; • Inspection activities for the purposes of monitoring.

4. TABLE OF DATA ON INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING 2009

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT

Member State:

I Italy

Year:

2009

Animals transported (in heads)		1. Bovine	2. Porcine	3. Small ruminants	4. Equidae	5. Domestic birds and rabbits	6. Other species
a Slaughtered		2 977 090	10 247 066	2 779 026	84 846	445 999 126	11 606 921
b Exported		182	63 558	16 053	1 078	3 080 522	5 567 813
c Imported for breeding		1 317 270	292 588	8 627	7 565	1 669 470	1 009 657
d Other animals transported		2 020 316	2 784 608	170 796	22 900	241 975 104	1 272 161
a+b+c+d		6 314 858	13 387 820	2 974 502	116 389	692 724 222	19 456 552
Number of inspections	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2. Bovine	3. Porcine	4. Small ruminants	5. Equidae	6. Domestic birds and rabbits	7. Other species
a During transport by road	862	6 147	22 071	17 210	544	554 194	124 964
b At the place of destination	171 670	418 362	728 447	607 042	17 130	54 748 250	646 900
c 1 At markets	10 948	16 580	4 000	7 502	1 361	26 400	800
c 2 At place of departure	8 820	28 272	74 282	84 498	446	6 746 622	746 416
c 3 At staging points	1 980	117 624	88 541	61 863	7 807	0	0
c 4 At transfer points	5 473	3 128	34	6	0	0	11 148
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	199 753	590 113	917 375	778 121	27 288	62 075 466	1 530 228
d Documents checks	149 361	426 029	598 315	506 441	8 795	13 136 201	570 064
Number of infringements	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2. Bovine	3. Porcine	4. Small ruminants	5. Equidae	6. Domestic birds and rabbits	7. Other species
a During transport by road	148	2 144	2 254	2 195	240	26 471	362
b At the place of destination	183	400	4 043	4 821	106	32 412	1 124
c 1 At markets	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
c 2 At place of departure	1	0	0	0	0	29 666	0
c 3 At staging points	14	0	459	1 912	83	0	0
c 4 At transfer points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	347	2 545	6 756	8 928	429	88 549	1 486
d Documents checks	251	1 303	18 301	7 260	150	93 562	431

RATIOS

Percentage of heads inspected/transported	All species	1. Bovine	2. Porcine	3. Small ruminants	4. Equidae	5. Domestic birds and rabbits	6. Other species
%	0.08968829	9.34%	6.85%	26.16%	23.45%	8.96%	7.86%
Percentage of inspections by categories	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2. Bovine	3. Porcine	4. Small ruminants	5. Equidae	6. Domestic birds and rabbits	7. Other species
a During transport by road	0.43%	1.04%	2.41%	2.21%	1.99%	0.89%	8.17%
b At the place of destination	85.94%	70.90%	79.41%	78.01%	62.77%	88.20%	42.27%
c 1 At markets	5.48%	2.81%	0.44%	0.96%	4.99%	0.04%	0.05%
c 2 At place of departure	4.42%	4.79%	8.10%	10.86%	1.63%	10.87%	48.78%
c 3 At staging points	0.99%	19.93%	9.65%	7.95%	28.61%	0.00%	0.00%
c 4 At transfer points	2.74%	0.53%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.73%
Percentage of infringements by categories	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2. Bovine	3. Porcine	4. Small ruminants	5. Equidae	6. Domestic birds and rabbits	7. Other species
a During transport by road	42.65%	84.24%	33.36%	24.59%	55.94%	29.89%	24.36%
b At the place of destination	52.74%	15.72%	59.84%	54.00%	24.71%	36.60%	75.64%
c 1 At markets	0.29%	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c 2 At place of departure	0.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	33.50%	0.00%
c 3 At staging points	4.03%	0.00%	6.79%	21.42%	19.35%	0.00%	0.00%
c 4 At transfer points	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Percentage of infringements per inspections	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2. Bovine	3. Porcine	4. Small ruminants	5. Equidae	6. Domestic birds and rabbits	7. Other species
a During transport by road	17.17%	34.88%	10.21%	12.75%	44.12%	4.78%	0.29%
b At the place of destination	0.11%	0.10%	0.56%	0.79%	0.62%	0.06%	0.17%
c1 At markets	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c2 At place of departure	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.44%	0.00%
c3 At staging points	0.71%	0.00%	0.52%	3.09%	1.06%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
c4 At transfer points	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0.00%
AVERAGE % per physical checks	0.17%	0.43%	0.74%	1.15%	1.57%	0.14%	0.10%
D Documents checks	0.17%	0.31%	3.06%	1.43%	1.71%	0.71%	0.08%

***5. TABLE PROVIDING DETAILS OF MAIN INFRINGEMENTS DURING 2009
(19 PAGES IN TOTAL)***

DETAILS OF MAIN INFRINGEMENTS IN THE ANIMAL PROTECTION SECTOR DURING TRANSPORT DURING 2009

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
ASL Foggia	08/01/09	Porcine	Holland	Italy	1) no side openings for inspecting animals	YES	YES	YES
ASL Reggio Emilia	08/01/09	Equidae	France	Italy	1) unsuitable vehicle 2) excessive load 3) no transport permit	YES	YES	YES
Alessandria Highway Police	11/01/09	Bovine	Poland	Spain	1) access to upper levels for inspecting animals not guaranteed	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	16/01/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) excessive load density 2) non-conforming travel log, without official veterinary stamp	YES	YES	YES
ASL Salerno 1	19/01/09	Bovine	Spain	Italy	1) excessively long trip 2) non-conforming travel log without stamp and signature	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	20/01/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) non-conforming travel log 2) no organisation stamp	YES	YES	YES
Bari Highway Police	23/01/09	Equidae	Romania	Italy	1) rest period is not complied with 2) loading ramp without side protections 3) insufficient feed quantity 4) drinking device without water 5) insufficient lighting inside trailer 6) no live animal marking 7) excessive load 8) non-conforming internal partitions	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Reggio Emilia Highway Police	23/01/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Three tanks without water	YES	YES	YES
ASL Triestina 1	28/01/09	Equidae	Romania	Italy	1) No side partitions and unloading ramp 2) Authorisation for long journeys non-conforming	YES	YES	YES
Reggio Emilia Highway Police	29/01/09	Ovicaprine	France	Italy	1) No type approval certificate 2) Journey log incomplete 3) Stock with limb injuries 4) Drinking device not working 5) Excessive load	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	29/01/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	30/01/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) journey longer than 8 hours 2) journey log non-conforming, not bound and lacking organisation stamp and signature	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	30/01/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) journey log non-conforming, completed irregularly and without organisation stamp and name of journey manager 2) no certificate number	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
ASL 6 Livorno	11/02/09	Equidae	Poland	Italy	1) Journey log not completed correctly 2) Some animals showed signs of transport stress, injuries on some body parts, changes in sensory state, impossibility of lying down because they were tied up 3) Drinking device insufficient	NO	YES	YES
UVAC Livorno	11/02/09	Equidae	Poland	Italy	1) Journey log not completed correctly 2) Animals stressed and injured due to insufficient space 3) Water and food devices insufficient	NO	YES	YES
Reggio Emilia Highway Police	19/02/09	Bovine	France	Greece	1) journey log completed irregularly and incorrectly	YES	YES	YES
Cuneo Highway Police	20/02/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) No driver approval certificate 2) Fluid leaks from vehicle	YES	YES	YES
ASL 1 Massa	02/03/09	Bovine	Germany	Italy	1) Journey log completed irregularly	YES	YES	YES
ASL Vallecarnonica	11/03/09	canine	Slovakia	Italy	1) Journey log non-conforming and not completed regularly	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
ASL 2 Potenza	13/03/09	Porcine	Spain	Italy	1) Stock dead 2) Ear tags not corresponding to those shown on certificate	YES	YES	YES
UVAC FVG	21/03/09	Equidae	Poland	Italy	1) insufficient bedding 2) journey log not bound	YES	YES	YES
Forli Highway Police	22/03/09	Equidae	Germany	Italy	1) no solid-walled partitions 2) 1 animal dehydrated	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	25/03/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Journey log irregularly completed	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	26/03/09	Bovine	Ireland	Italy	1) No journey log 2) No type 2 transporter authorisation	YES	YES	YES
Piedmont UVAC	28/03/09	Bovine	Ireland	Italy	1) Journey log non-compliant and incompletely compiled	YES	YES	YES
Livorno UVAC	30/03/09	Ovine	Romania	Italy	1) No correspondence between times logged and actual times	YES	YES	YES
Piedmont UVAC	04/04/09	Bovine	Poland	Italy	1) Journey log non-conforming and irregularly completed	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
UVAC Livorno	04/04/09	Ovine	Romania	Italy	1) Journey log incorrectly completed	YES	YES	YES
ASL Modena	05/04/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
UVAC FVG	06/04/09	Ovine	Romania	Italy	1) Non-conforming vehicle type approval certification	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	08/04/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Drinking devices not working	YES	YES	YES
UVAC FVG	08/04/09	Ovine	Romania	Italy	1) No vehicle type approval certificate	YES	YES	YES
Novara Financial Police	09/04/09	Canine	Italy	Italy	1) No journey log 2) No health certification	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Tuscany	15/04/09	Spider mice	Czech Republic	Italy	1) No transporter's authorisation	NO	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	15/04/09	Equidae	Belgium	Italy	1) Journey log non-conforming and incompletely compiled	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Parma	15/04/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Excessive load density 2) Journey log incomplete	YES	YES	YES
UVA FVG	17/04/09	Canine	Slovakia	Spain	1) No type 2 transport authorisation 2) No sign indicating live animals	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	21/04/09	Equidae	Belgium	Italy	1) No health certificate	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
UVAC Parma	22/04/09	Rabbits	Poland	Italy	1) Drinking arrangement inadequate 2) No ventilation system 3) Dead stock	YES	YES	YES
Savona Highway Police	22/04/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Journey log incomplete	YES	YES	YES
ASL Cesena	24/04/09	Rabbits	Poland	Italy	1) Animals dead due to insufficient air exchange	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Livorno	24/04/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) No journey log	YES	YES	YES
Rovigo Highway Police	27/04/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) animal not walking, unfit for journey	YES	YES	YES
Highway Police	01/05/09	Bovine	Spain	Italy	1) journey log non-conforming	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	05/05/09	Bovine	Ireland	Italy	1) journey log non-conforming	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Liguria	06/05/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) insufficient bedding	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	07/05/09	Bovine	Spain	Italy	1) journey log non-conforming	NO	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	07/05/09	Bovine	Spain	Italy	1) Journey log irregular and not fully completed	NO	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	07/05/09	Bovine	Spain	Italy	1) Journey log irregular and not fully completed	NO	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	07/05/09	Bovine	Spain	Italy	1) Journey log irregular and not fully completed	NO	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
ASL Turin 1	07/05/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Incorrectly completed journey log	YES	YES	YES
Venice Highway Police	17/05/09	Ovine	Hungary	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Puglia	20/05/09	Bovine	France	Greece	1) Infringement of maximum transport times and rest periods 2) Journey log incompletely corrected	YES	YES	YES
Bolzano Highway Police	22/05/09	Equidae	Czech Republic	Italy	1) No type 2 transport authorisation 2) No driver approval certificate 3) No vehicle type approval certificate	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	27/05/09	Bovine	UK	Italy	1) no journey log VI section 2) journey time estimate in journey log incorrect	YES	YES	YES
ASL2 Perugia	29/05/09	Porcine	Spain	Italy	1) 2 drinking devices not working 2) temperature recording system not working correctly 3) journey log incorrectly compiled, no veterinary stamp or departure address 4) driver approval certificate non-conforming with Reg. 1/2005	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	30/05/09	Bovine	Lithuania	Italy	1) Journey log not regularly completed and non-conforming	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	03/06/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) faeces and urine leaking from vehicle 2) duration longer than 8 hours 3) no 'live animal' sign 4) non-walking animals dragged from vehicle	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Verona Highway Police	07/06/09	Bovine	Ireland	Italy	1) No stop planned 2) Journey log irregularly completed	YES	NO	NO
ASL 1 Cuneo	08/06/09	Bovine	Lithuania	Italy	1) Journey log incorrectly completed	YES	YES	YES
ASL 2 Perugia	09/06/09	Porcine	Holland	Italy	1) Journey log incorrectly completed	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	09/06/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
Bolzano Highway Police	17/06/09	Bovine	Germany	Italy	1) Transport authorisation not available 2) No markings indicating 'live animals'	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	17/06/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) Droppings leaking out 2) No markings indicating 'live animals'	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	18/06/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) Unloading ramp unsuitable	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	19/06/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Journey log non-conforming and irregularly completed, no organiser's stamp and signature	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	19/06/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Journey log non-conforming and irregularly completed, no organiser's stamp and signature 2) Journey excessively long 3) No transporter's approval certificate	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Tuscany	20/06/09	Poultry	France	Italy	1) Excessive load density 2) Excessive journey duration 3) No transporter's approval certificate	YES	YES	YES
Piedmont Highway Police	22/06/09	Equidae	France	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Highway Police	25/06/09	Bovine	-----	Italy	1) No type 2 authorisation	YES	NO	NO
UVAC Tuscany	29/06/09	Poultry	France	Italy	1) Excessive journey duration	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	06/07/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) no transporter's authorisation 2) unloading ramp not suitable	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	06/07/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) no markings indicating 'live animals'	YES	YES	YES
ASL Modena	09/07/09	Porcine	Holland	Italy	1) excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	09/07/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) no markings indicating 'live animals'	YES	YES	YES
State Forestry Corps	09/07/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	09/07/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) insufficient space between withers and upper part of vehicle	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Gorizia	11/07/09	Equidae	Hungary	Italy	1) Vehicle log incomplete 2) Animals dead and injured	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Gorizia	13/07/09	Canine	Hungary	Italy	1) No type 2 authorisation 2) No sign indicating live animals	YES	YES	YES
ASL 3 Umbria	15/07/09	Ovine	Hungary	Italy	1) Irregular journey planning	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Cuneo Highway Police	16/07/09	Equidae	France	Italy	1) Duration longer than 8 hours 2) Journey log not bound and not correctly completed 3) Insufficient closure devices on side doors 4) Excessive load density 5) No halters 6) Failure to observe obligation for watering after 8 hours	YES	YES	YES
Turin State Forestry Corps	20/07/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	21/07/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) no sign indicating 'live animals'	YES	YES	YES
ASL Asti	22/07/09	Equidae	France	Italy	1) No individual transport partitions 2) Journey log non-conforming, no organiser's stamp and signature	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	23/07/09	Bovine	-----	Italy	1) No type 2 authorisation	YES	NO	NO
UVAC Liguria	24/07/09	Canine	Romania	France	1) Transport unsuitable	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	28/07/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) no ladders for checking upper levels 2) right side of vehicle covered in faeces	YES	YES	YES
ASL Crotone	29/07/09	Porcine	Spain	Italy	1) Excessive transport duration 2) 1 animal dead	YES	YES	YES
ASL Ravenna	06/08/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) animal unfit for travel	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Genoa Highway Police	07/08/09	Bovine	Spain	Italy	1) Transport duration longer than 8 hours 2) Half-trailer not equipped with type approval certificate	YES	YES	YES
Genoa Highway Police	07/08/09	Porcine	Spain	Italy	1) no water in drinking devices 2) no 'live animal' signs	YES	YES	YES
Valle d'Aosta UVAC	07/08/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) partitions positioned irregularly 2) ventilation arrangement inadequate 3) no fans on upper level	YES	YES	YES
Savona Highway Police	08/08/09	Equidae	Spain	Italy	1) excessive load density 2) drinking system not appropriate 3) no individual partitions	YES	YES	YES
ASL Piacenza	08/08/09	Equidae	Spain	Italy	1) excessive load density 2) transport certificate irregular 3) no partitions 4) drinking devices unsuitable 5) journey log non-compliant and incomplete	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Parma	08/08/09	Equidae	Spain	Italy	1) No transporter authorisation	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piemonte	18/08/09	Equidae	Ireland	Italy	1) Vehicle log pages not distinguishable, no organisation stamp and signature 2) Transport organisation not available 3) Rest period insufficient 4) Excessive load density 5) 5 animals without health certificates and passport	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Verona Highway Police	19/08/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) Vehicle unsuitable for animal transport 2) Animal injured due to partition installed on vehicle	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	23/08/09	Bovine	Ireland	Italy	1) Journey log not bound, no organisation stamp and signature 2) Transporter authorisation not available 3) Vehicle approval certificate not available 4) Insufficient rest period 5) Temperature print-out not available 6) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
Valle d'Aosta UVAC	27/08/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) no transporter authorisation for long journeys 2) no vehicle type approval certificate 3) journey log not bound and incomplete	YES	YES	YES
Alessandria Highway Police	03/09/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) non-conforming journey log	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	04/09/09	Equidae	France	Italy	1) Vehicle not authorised for equidae transport 2) Transport longer than 24 hours 3) Load ramp irregular angle and lack of side ramps	YES	YES	YES
ASL 1 Cuneo	03/09/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) No journey log	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	04/09/09	Porcine	Italy	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
ASL 6 Vicenza	04/09/09	Bovine	Ireland	Italy	1) Journey log not completed 2) Irregular stopover	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Verona Highway Police	10/09/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Journey log irregularly completed 2) No rest planned	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	10/09/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Irregularly compiled journey log	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	11/09/09	Equidae	Poland	Italy	1) Estimated journey time incorrect on journey log 2) Original journey log not available at destination	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	13/09/09	Porcine	Italy	Italy	1) Transport vehicle unsuitable 2) Vehicle not equipped with satellite navigation system 3) Vehicle not equipped with drinking system 4) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	14/09/09	Porcine	Italy	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	22/09/09	Bovine	Ireland	Italy	1) Journey log not bound and pages not identified with numbers, no organisation stamp and signature 2) Load density not respected 3) Rest period not respected	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	23/09/09	Turkeys	Italy	Italy	1) Load density not respected 2) Animal with broken foot 3) Animal dead	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	24/09/09	Equidae	Holland	Italy	1) Load density not respected	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Verona Highway Police	24/09/09	Equidae	Holland	Italy	1) Load density not respected	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	25/09/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Transport authorisation not available 2) No transporter's competency certificate 3) Journey log non compliant and incompletely filled in 4) Animals transported without separation	YES	YES	YES
ASL 3 Umbria	03/10/09	Ovine	Romania	Italy	1) Journey times not respected	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	08/10/09	Poultry	Italy	Italy	1) Unsuitable cages containing faeces 2) No transport authorisation	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	08/10/09	Poultry	Italy	Italy	1) Unsuitable cages containing faeces	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	10/10/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) Animal transport unsuitable	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	10/10/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) Animal injured and not walking	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	10/10/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Incorrect journey log completion 2) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	12/10/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) Animal injured and not walking	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	14/10/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) Irregular transport practices	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	14/10/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) No transport authorisation	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Rome Highway Police	15/10/09	Ovine/caprine	-----	Italy	1) No ladder for checking animals on upper floor	YES	-----	-----
Rome Highway Police	15/10/09	Ovine/caprine	-----	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	-----	-----
UVAC Livorno	16/10/09	Bovine	Poland	Spain	1) Two 14-day old calves without mother	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	17/10/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) No 'live animal' signs	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	22/10/09	Poultry	Italy	Italy	1) unsuitable cages with faeces leaking out	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway Police	23/10/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) No animal departure point declaration	YES	YES	YES
Turin Highway Police	23/10/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) Journey log non-conforming and incompletely filled in 2) No transporter's stamp 3) Transport longer than 8 hours 4) Excessive load density 5) Water tank empty	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	23/10/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) excessive load density 2) journey log non-conforming and not completed correctly 3) water tanks empty 4) animals on 2 nd and 3 rd levels cannot drink	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
Highway Police	28/10/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) No transport authorisation	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	29/10/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
					2) Irregular certificate with evident corrections			
					3) Vehicle license plates shown on certificate do not correspond			
					4) 2 animals without original passport			
					5) the passport of one bull shows the sex as a heifer			
UVAC Tuscany	29/10/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Journey log incorrectly completed	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	02/11/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
					2) Partitions not present			
UVAC Piedmont	02/11/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) Excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
					2) Partitions not present			
Rieti Forestry Corps	03/11/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) Journey log irregularly completed	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Friuli	04/11/09	Canine	Slovakia	Italy	1) Transport without type 2 authorisation	YES	YES	YES
					2) No 'live animal' signs			
Rome Highway Police	08/11/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) unsuitable ramps	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	08/11/09	Ovine	Italy	Italy	1) copious amount of manure leaking out	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
UVAC Piedmont	09/11/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) journey log not correctly compiled 2) only one journey log for 2 different destinations 3) vehicle approval certificate: same area indicated for both tractor and trailer	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	10/11/09	Equidae	Italy	Italy	1) insufficient free space between withers and roof	YES	YES	YES
Alexandria Highway Police	27/11/09	Equidae	Spain	Italy	1) no partitions 2) journey log non-conforming	YES	YES	YES
Alexandria Highway Police	27/11/09	Equidae	Spain	Italy	1) journey log non-conforming	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Livorno	27/11/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) journey log not correctly completed 2) drinking device unsuitable 3) side ramps not long enough 4) internal partitions not solid-walled 5) and closures unsuitable 6) interior lighting not working 7) load gate unsuitable for containing faeces and urine 8) no structures permitting animals on upper floors to be reached	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	28/11/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
Verona Highway police	30/11/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) vehicle not cleaned and disinfected before loading	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
UVAC Tuscany	01/12/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) journey log irregularly completed	NO	YES	YES
UVAC Trentino	02/12/09	Bovine	Italy	Italy	1) journey log irregularly completed	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Livorno	03/12/09	Ovicaprino	Romania	Italy	1) journey log irregularly completed	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	05/12/09	Bovine	France	Greece	1) journey log irregularly completed 2) vehicle type approval certification does not include adult cattle transport	YES	YES	YES
Orvieto Highway Police	10/12/09	Bovine/ovine	France	Italy	1) Mixed transport 2) Journey longer than 12 hours 3) Temperature control system inefficient	YES	YES	YES
Rome Highway Police	11/12/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) excessive load density	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Friuli	17/12/09	Canine	Hungary	Spain	1) no type 2 authorisation 2) no vehicle authorisation 3) no passport and microchips 4) young animals not with mothers	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Piedmont	18/12/09	Ovine	France	Italy	1) journey log incorrectly completed 2) excessive load density 3) water not available	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Gorizia	18/12/09	Hares	Romania	Italy	1) No type 2 authorisation	YES	YES	YES

AUTHORITY performing the inspection	Inspection DATE	Animal SPECIES	Dispatching COUNTRY	Destination COUNTRY	INFRINGEMENTS	ACTION TAKEN		
						Penalties	Reported to dispatching country	Reported to transporter's country of residence
UVAC Gorizia	20/12/09	Equidae	Poland	Italy	1) Temperature not respected; one animal dead, other animals with chill symptoms	YES	YES	YES
ASL Foggia	20/12/09	Porcine	France	Italy	1) Journey log irregularly completed	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Gorizia	22/12/09	Hares	Czech Republic	Italy	1) No type 2 authorisation	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Friuli	23/12/09	Hares	Hungary	Italy	1) transport without type 2 authorisation	YES	YES	YES
Alessandria Highway Police	28/12/09	Equidae	Spain	Italy	1) transport without appropriate partitions 2) non-conforming journey log	YES	YES	YES
UVAC Tuscany	29/12/09	Bovine	France	Italy	1) journey log not completely filled in	YES	YES	YES

6. ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN IRREGULARITIES IDENTIFIED *(by Prof Nanni Costa of Bologna University)*

This analysis refers to the list of main infringements identified *during 2009* involving 162 vehicles of which 70 used to transport cattle, 20 for pigs, 39 for horses, 13 for sheep and/or goats, 1 for cattle and sheep simultaneously, 7 for dogs, 6 for poultry, 5 for lagomorphs (2 with rabbits and 3 with hares) and 1 for rodents.

The infringements were identified by staff of ASLs located in the regions of Valle d'Aosta, Piedmont, Lombardy, Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, Veneto, Emilia-Romagna, Tuscany, Umbria, Campania, Basilicata, Calabria and Puglia, by staff at the UVAC offices of Valle d'Aosta, of Piedmont, of Trentino Alto-Adige, of Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, of Emilia-Romagna, of Liguria, of Tuscany and of Puglia, and by agents of the Highway Police, the Tax Police and the State Forestry Corps.

The vehicles fined departed from Italy (27%) and another thirteen European nations (Spain, Holland, Romania, France, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Belgium, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakian Republic, Lithuania and United Kingdom). The final destination was Italy in 95.1% of cases, while the remaining destination countries were Spain (2.5%), Greece (1.8%) and France (0.6%).

The overall infringements identified on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 amounted to 293, of which 125 relating to vehicles carrying cattle, 42 to those carrying pigs, 20 to those carrying sheep and goats, 77 to those carrying horses, 13 to those carrying dogs, 8 to those carrying poultry, 7 to those carrying lagomorphs and 1 to a vehicle carrying rodents.

Infringements concerning transport of the most representative species (cattle, pigs, horses, sheep and goats) were examined by breaking them down into three groups, relating to the vehicle, animal welfare and transport documentation respectively. *Table 1* shows the overall breakdown of infringements while *tables 2, 3 and 4* show the numerical and percentage incidence of each type of infringement between each of the above groups.

An examination of *table 1* shows that infringements concerning transport documents were the most frequent, amounting to more than half the total in the transport of cattle and sheep/goats. Infringements relating to the vehicle showed the lowest incidence, with the sole exception of horse transport, where infringements relating to the vehicle were more numerous than those relating to animal welfare. The latter represented approximately one quarter of contraventions related to cattle transport, more than one third of those relating to the transport of pigs and sheep/goats and more than one fifth of those relating to the transport of horses.

With regards to infringements relating to the vehicle (*table 2*), those concerning the lack of partitions were more frequent for both the transport of horses and cattle, with an incident equal to 14.3% and 14.8% respectively. Unavailability of drinking water occurred with a particularly high frequency in the transport of pigs (14.2%) and sheep/goats (10.0%) while the level was low but not negligible in the transport of horses (6.5%) and cattle (2.4%). For the transport of the species considered in the table, various infringements were identified concerning the load platforms that reached a frequency of 4.0% for cattle, 2.4% for pigs, 5.0% for sheep/goats and 10.4% for horses. Lower incidence rates were recorded for infringements relating to mechanical ventilation systems (0.8% in the transport of cattle), satellite positioning (2.4% in the transport of pigs) and temperature control (1.6% in the transport of cattle and 2.4% in the transport of pigs). The frequency of infringements relating to an insufficient presence of bedding was also low (0.8% in cattle transport and 1.3% in the transport of horses). It should be noted that the three vehicles inspected were not suitable for transporting the category of animals with which they were loaded. Types of infringement concerning animal welfare are shown in *Table 3*. These mainly concerned excessive load density, failure to respect rest times and the unfitness of animals for transport. Out of all the infringements identified, excessive load density exceeding 10.4% in cattle transport, 21.4% in the transport of pigs 20.0% in the transport of sheep/goats and 9.1% in the transport of horses. The level of failure to comply with rest times was slightly lower at 9.6% in vehicles with cattle, 4.8% in those with pigs, 15.0% in those with sheep and goats and 3.9% in those with horses. The incidences recorded for the presence of animals unfit for transport were slightly lower, with percentages equal to 5.6%, 2.4%, 5.0% and 5.1% respectively for the transport of cattle, pigs, sheep/goats and horses. Dead animals were found to be present only in the transport of cattle (4.8%) and horses (2.6%), while excessive temperature conditions were only reported in one case of horse transport (1.3%).

Infringements relating to travel documents, listed in *table 4* amounted to 59.2% of the total recorded in the transport of cattle, 42.9% in pigs, 55.0% in sheep/goats and 44.2% in horses. The cause of this high-frequency is mainly attributable to the non-conformity of the journey log (absent, incomplete, irregular). This affected 41.6% of all infringements recorded in the transport of cattle, 26.2% in the transport of pigs, 30.0% in the transport of sheep/goats and 20.8% in the transport of horses. Absence of the journey log was identified in the transport of cattle and, to a lesser extent in the transport of horses while incomplete and incorrect compilation of the log were penalised in the transport of all species considered in the table. Other types of infringement concerning health certification, transport authorisation, driver authorisation and vehicle type approval occurred at lower, but not negligible, rates. In particular, absence of transport authorisation occurred at a rate of 7.2% in vehicles with cattle and 10.4% in those with pigs. The lack of health certification stood at 1.6% in the transport of cattle, 4.8% in that of pigs and 2.6% in that of horses. Equal or lower frequencies were identified for infringements concerning the lack of a driver's approval certificate. The lack of signs concerning the transport of live animals was particularly frequent in the transport of horses (7.8%).

The 13 infringements identified during the inspection of seven consignments of dogs almost exclusively concerned travel documentation. An infringement relating to animal welfare was detected in only one case, represented by the presence in the vehicle of some animals that were too young to be transported without their mothers. Infringements identified in the six consignments of poultry were of a different type and concerned excessive load and journey duration as well as the inappropriateness of the cages used. The infringements identified for the five consignments of lagomorphs arose because the transporter lacked authorisation in the three cases concerning hares, while the presence of dead animals and lack of proper air circulation between the cages were identified in the two consignments of rabbits. The rodent consignment was penalised because the transporter lacked authorisation.

Overall, an analysis of the data relating to 2009 showed that:

- the high rate of infringements in transport documentation, amounting overall to 51.5% of all infringements identified, confirmed the persistent difficulty experienced by transporters in adapting to the documentary standards imposed by Regulation No 1/2005 and revealed this to be independent of the species transported;
- excessive load density and failure to respect rest times were the most common infringements concerning animal welfare;
- faulty drinking devices, which represented a far from negligible incidence in all infringements identified, was found to be a critical point not only for the transport of pigs but also for the transport of the most represented species;
- vehicle irregularities due to the absence of devices previously identified as obligatory on vehicles authorised for long journeys by the regulations preceding Regulation No 1/2005 (partitions, bedding, drinking and lighting systems) were more common than those relating to the newly-installed devices imposed by the new regulation (temperature measurement and satellite positioning devices).

With regard to the difficulty experienced by transporters in complying with the standards laid down by Regulation No 1/2005 on transport documents, an examination of 2009 data confirmed the results emerging from the analysis of infringements dating from 2007 and 2008. Whereas in 2007, the first year when the new regulation was applied, these types of difficulty could be expected, in 2008 and 2009 the situation still remained critical and without substantial changes. An examination of the types of infringement concerning the journey log revealed that the log was unbound in a significant proportion of cases. This failure to comply with regulations, which is not merely formal, cannot be attributed to compilation difficulties. The transporters should therefore devote more attention to drawing up the journey log while the law-maker should support this effort by making the log simpler, while still retaining the information essential for monitoring the welfare and travelling conditions of the transported animals.

The 2009 data confirmed a steady reduction in the proportion of cases of failure to observe rest times out of the total of infringements identified. This positive trend may be attributed to the obligatory installation of satellite positioning systems that provide reliable information on departure data and the route taken by the vehicle to the time of the check, making it possible to verify travelling times and compliance with rest times.

As in previous years, the irregularities observed in 2009 relating to the vehicles were found to be connected with failure to use or incorrect use of the devices with which vehicles authorised for long-haul travel must be equipped. Adaptation to the standards laid down by Regulation No 1/2005 and the informing and education of employees are actions required to overcome this type of shortcoming and make the vehicle fully suited for long journeys.

In 2009, the number of consignments for which infringements were identified rose by 38% compared to 2008 and by more than 240% compared to 2007. This is due to an increase in the number of vehicles inspected and the increasing involvement of all institutional bodies authorised to inspect vehicles used for animal transport, with an increasingly significant contribution by the highway police. Overall, the results for previous years confirmed excellent uniformity in the identification and description of infringements by the various entities responsible for inspecting the vehicles. This reflects the continuous work of training and informing directed at the staff of the bodies responsible for inspection.

Table 1 – Number and percentage frequency of infringements relating to the vehicle, animal welfare and transport documents identified in 2009.

	BOVINE		PORCINE		OVI-CAPRINE		EQUIDAE	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Infringements relating to:								
- vehicle	19	15.2	10	23.8	3	15.0	26	33.8
- animal welfare	32	25.6	14	33.3	8	40.0	17	22.0
- transport documents	74	59.2	18	42.9	9	55.0	34	44.2
Total infringements	125	100.0	42	100.0	20	100.0	77	100.0

Table 2 – Incidence and percentage frequency of infringement types attributable to transport vehicle identified in 2009

Infringements relating to vehicle	BOVINE		PORCINE		OVI-CAPRINE		EQUIDAE	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Partitions:								
Absent	3	2.4					9	11.7
Irregular	3	2.4					2	2.6
Drinking devices:								
absent			1	2.4				
closed system			3	7.0	1	5.0		
Insufficient							2	2.6
No water in tanks	2	1.6	1	2.4	1	5.0	1	1.3
System not suitable for species	1	0.8	1	2.4			2	2.6
Ventilation:								
Insufficient	1	0.8						
Load platforms:								
Insufficient height							2	2.6
Non-conforming ramp	1	0.8					5	6.5
Lighting not present	1	0.8					1	1.3
Inaccessible for checking animals	3	2.4	1	2.4	1	5.0		
Temperature control system:								
Not working	2	1.6	1	2.4				
Bedding:								
Insufficient	1	0.8					1	1.3
Satellite positioning system:								
Not working			1	2.4				
Vehicle unsuitable:	1	0.8	1	2.4			1	1.3
Total	19	15.2	10	23.8	3	15.0	26	33.8

Table 3 – Incidence and percentage frequency of infringement types attributable to animal welfare identified in 2009

Infringements relating to animal welfare	BOVINE		PORCINE		OVI-CAPRINE		EQUIDAE	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
Excessive load density	13	10.4	9	21.4	4	20.0	7	9.1
Rest times not respected	12	9.6	2	4.8	3	15.0	3	3.9
Animals unfit for transport	7	5.6	1	2.4	1	5.0	4	5.1
Dead animals			2	4.8			2	2.6
Excessive temperature							1	1.3
Total	32	25.6	14	33.3	8	40	17	22.0

Table 4 – Incidence and percentage frequency of infringement types attributable to transport documents identified in 2009

Infringements relating to transport documents	BOVINE		PORCINE		OVI-CAPRINE		EQUIDAE	
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
<i>Journey log:</i>								
absent	8	6.4					1	1.3
incomplete	24	19.2	5	11.9	1	5.0	2	2.6
irregular	20	16.0	6	14.3	4	25.0	13	16.9
<i>Health certification:</i>								
absent	2	1.6	2	4.8			2	2.6
<i>Transporter's authorisation:</i>								
Absent	9	7.2	1	2.4			8	10.4
<i>Driver's approval certificate:</i>								
absent	2	1.6	2	4.8			1	1.3
<i>Vehicle type approval certificate:</i>								
absent	4	3.2			4	25.0	1	1.3
not compliant	2	1.6						
<i>No 'live animal' signs</i>	1	0.8	2	4.8			6	7.8
<i>Vehicle not disinfected</i>	1	0.8						
<i>Passports not compliant</i>	1	0.8						
Total	74	59.2	18	42.9	9	55.0	34	44.2

7. ACTION PLAN

An analysis of the main irregularities identified in **2009** with regard to animal protection during transport revealed that the competent authorities need to implement the following priority actions:

- 1) continue to pursue the approach of informing and educating all operators who play an active part in the supply chain of live animal transport and also training the entities responsible for monitoring observation of compliance with animal protection standards during transport;
- 2) Improve inspection coordination and implementation.

With regard to the *training aspects*, as already discussed in previous reports, training courses continue to be carried out in the various Italian regions with the aim of issuing certificates of authorisation for the drivers and keepers specified in Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 with the aid of specially-trained training veterinarians who continue to guarantee the uniformity of training for all new operators that require certificates of approval.

Implementation of the second stage of the training programme, directed at the training and informing of breeders (owners, keepers or holders of animals) also continues with the help of veterinary services from the regions and local NHS units (AUSLs) in conjunction with the Italian Breeders Association. To date, approximately 5400 breeders have been trained for a total of some hundred courses delivered in various Italian regions. As already explained in a previous report, the educational content of this training program was made available up to 31 December 2009 for an e-learning training course aimed at all public veterinary surgeons and freelance veterinarians that saw the registration of 2188 vets, of whom 739 gained ECM training credits. This online delivery method was complemented in both 2008 and 2009 by self-training based on registering for and passing a text message test, for which 83 people enrolled. Fifty-six of these completed the training course. It is currently still possible to consult the training content alone on the same e-learning platform.

With regard to the training programmes on animal protection during slaughter, in June this year the reference centre for veterinary public health training in Brescia held a course to train an initial nucleus of vets with a view to shortly setting up an e-learning training course that will allow the contents of the new regulation on animal protection during slaughter to be disseminated on a national scale. The national reference centre for animal welfare is also finalising teaching material to train slaughter operatives to be distributed to the veterinary services of the ASLs and category associations.

To protect the welfare of pet animals, an e-learning training course on protecting the welfare of cats and dogs is currently being implemented through close cooperation between the Ministry of Health and the reference centre for veterinary public health training in Brescia. This includes a special section on the commercial and non-commercial transport of pets.

In addition to the progress reported with training programmes for the training of entities responsible for monitoring observation of compliance with regulations on animal protection during transport, it may be noted that training courses continued to be regularly organised with the active participation of experts from the veterinary services of the Ministry, the regions and the ASLs in addition to experts from the LAV Protection Association and the Animals' Angels.

With regard to actions aimed at *improving the coordination and implementation of inspections*, in July this year, the Ministry of Health in cooperation with the Regions and Autonomous Provinces prepared a special section on the planning of inspection activities to verify compliance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 during its update of the 2010 National Animal Well-being Plan (CE). This provides for the implementation of a minimum percentage of inspections to be carried out on the basis of an assessment of specific risk criteria. The Ministry of Health also drew up procedures relating to the communication of irregularities encountered in the implementation of Article 26 of the same Regulation and also procedures for notifying of failure to observe programmed rest times at an inspection post.

Lastly, the Ministry of health in conjunction with the Interior Ministry is considering the possibility of implementing an operating plan to improve the efficacy and efficiency of inspections during road transport conducted by Police bodies in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and ASL veterinary services.