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Mr Denis Simonin
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Directorate General for Health and Consumer Protection
European Commission
B - 1049
Brussels
Belgium

**Re: Article 27 of Council Regulation (EC) 1 of 2005
on the protection of animals during transport and related operations**

Dear Mr Simonin,

I write in accordance with Article 27 of Council Regulation (EC) 1 of 2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations. Details of inspections carried out during the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008 in the Republic of Ireland are outlined below.

A total of 2,667 inspections were carried out on both national and international transporters during the year 2008. I wish to confirm that no major deficiencies were detected. In relation to some minor issues encountered, these were dealt with immediately at time of inspection, by way of a notice being served, or a re-inspection.

Approximately twenty-one infringements, by transporters authorised in the Republic of Ireland, were brought to the attention of the Irish Competent Authority. In all cases the authorised transporters were written to and an explanation requested. In all cases the explanations were accepted. However, a strong written warning issued to the transporter together with a reminder of the requirements under Council Regulation (EC) 1 of 2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations.

Six infringements were brought to our attention where other Member States were the authorising authority. The Member State in question was duly notified.

We are experiencing some technical difficulties associated with a new computer system to record inspection reports and data. As soon as these have been resolved we will submit more comprehensive data in relation to our inspections.

Yours sincerely

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