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Subject

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING
TRANSPORT/FINLAND 2007**

Please find enclosed a letter from The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
of Finland concerning the subject mentioned above.

Yours Sincerely

Berit Korpilo
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Counsellor

Enclosures

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ANALYSIS OF THE MAJOR DEFICIENCIES AND AN ACTION PLAN

An analysis of the major deficiencies detected in the inspections of the protection of the animals during transport and an action plan to address them.

Member state: Finland

Year: 2007

| Major deficiencies | Analysis | Action plan |
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| <p>Authorisation and transport documentation</p> | <p>In 12 cases the documentation was filled incompletely (the time and place of departure and destination were missing). In one case the driver was considered incompetent. In three cases the authorization granted by the competent authority to transport live animals was either missing or not updated (a person handling the animals was not mentioned on the list of approved transporters of the vehicle). In six cases there wasn't any possibility to perform emergency killing of the animals.</p> | <p>Training is organised at different levels for competent authorities and meetings are held where issues related to animal welfare during transport are discussed. Finnish Food Safety Authority Evira organises special training days 4 times a year for Provincial veterinary officers in which aspects of animal welfare during transport are also covered.</p> <p>During inspection of the transport the competent authority shall promote animal welfare by giving advice to the transporter in cases where there is no infringement of the legislation. If there is an infringement of the legislation, the competent authority will take action required to safeguard the welfare of the animals.</p> |
| <p>Maintenance and safety of the vehicles and opportunity to inspect and care for the animals</p> | <p>In nine transports there was no possibility to inspect the animals. Lack of sufficient bedding material was detected in five transports. In three cases the transport vehicle was not marked clearly for animal transport. The gates inside the vehicle were unclosed or had opened during transport in two cases. One worn out ramp was detected, as well as a broken ventilator.</p> | <p>Evira has sent a specification letter concerning training and its content to those who arrange training courses in order to assure that the requirements of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 are properly trained to the transporters.</p> <p>Evira will give written instructions concerning the interpretation of the possibility to inspect the animals.</p> |
| <p>Stocking density</p> | <p>Overloading of animals was detected in five inspections concerning swine, and eight inspections concerning poultry.</p> | <p>A letter concerning correct stocking density of pigs and another letter concerning the correct way to measure the surface area of the vehicle have been sent to the competent authorities.</p> |