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Analysis and Action Plan according to article 27 (2) of Council regulation (EC) NO 1 /2005 for 2011

Analysis and Action plan of the 2011 Swedish Annual Report on the Protection of Animals during Transport.

Analysis

Of the 21 County Administrative Boards (CABs) in Sweden, 67 percent (14 CABs) have carried out a varying number of controls (from 1 – 45) of animal transports during 2011, as reported to the Swedish Board of Agriculture (SBA). This is slightly more CABs than in 2010, which was three times as many as in 2009. All of the controls have been registered using the data system launched in 2009 to simplify the exchange of information between the CABs and the SBA.

According to the statistics reported to the SBA by the CABs the number of controls carried out have increased to 165, which is about two times more than in 2010 (76 controls) and nearly four times more than in 2009 (42 controls).

Of the transport controls, 81 have been on-road checks, 41 at the place of destination (often a slaughterhouse), 27 at markets and similar events (e.g. competitions) and 16 at the place of departure. The most common transports controlled are transport of animals destined for slaughter (pigs, cattle, poultry, sheep and reindeer). Other animals controlled are different species of farmed fish.

Among infringements reported are: lacking transport documents, not enough bedding (cattle); animals not fit for transportation (pig having umbilical hernia); insufficient cleaning of transports (reindeer); exceeded transport times (animals for slaughter); too steep ramps (cattle, horses, reindeer) and risk for injuries in containers (poultry).

In conclusion, slightly more CABs have carried out more controls during 2011 than previous years, but still not all CABs perform controls. However the number of controls has increased quite reasonably. The many controls carried out by the official veterinarians at slaughterhouses (OVS), employed by the National Food Administration, are still not reported to the SBA. (Infringements detected at these controls are reported to the CABs.)

As for measures taken, the CABs have used the legislative powers they are entitled to, in order to handle the infringements reported. They have also intensified the follow-ups as well as information campaigns as compared to previous years

Actions taken or planned by the County Administrative Boards

- Planning for a national CAB animal transport project, where all CABs participate, started towards the end of 2011 and the project is now carried out during 2012. One of the goals is to increase the number as well as the quality of transport controls, especially on-road and at border points. Another purpose is harmonization of the controls, and also to risk base them..

Actions taken or planned by the Swedish Board of Agriculture

The process at the SBA of revising checklists and manuals and the data system for the animal welfare controls at the CABs, that has continued during 2011 will be continued also during 2012. The purpose is to make the controls more effective and uniform in all parts of the country.

- The SBA has provided education for control staff at the CABs on two occasions during 2011 (and one originally planned for 2011, but that took place in January 2012). The courses have been attended by 69 persons from all but one CAB and have included both legislative and animal welfare aspects, theoretical and practical training concerning different types of vehicles (including tachographs and GNSS) and the use of different protocols, as well as practical experience of loading/unloading and of self being transported.
- The special project ("Oskar") to create more effective, uniform and legally secure controls that started in 2010, will finish during 2012. The project aimed at a consensus between the SBA and the CABs, and includes common routines as well as education and to increase the efficiency of means used. A system for evaluation of the controls in order to risk base them has been developed and will be tested during 2012.
- The process of updating the national legislation concerning official animal welfare controls (Statens jordbruksverks föreskrifter om offentlig djurskyddskontroll, SJVFS 2008:67) has been prolonged, but will come to an end in 2012. The legislation will be updated with general advice sections on how to perform controls on animal transports. The CABs are, according to this, advised to create a plan for the fulfilling of the demands in Article 27 of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005- which most of them have already had done in 2010 and all in 2011. The plan should include on-road checks as well as checks at destination points.

- During 2011 training in using the data systems (Platina and DSK) to support the administrators and control personnel at the CABs has continued.
- The process of developing better systems of information between the National Food Administration and the SBA has continued during 2011, so that the transport controls carried out by the official veterinarians at slaughterhouses (OVS), employed by the National Food Administration, could be reported to the SBA.



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