

Latvia

2017

1. ANALYSIS OF THE MAJOR DEFICIENCIES DETECTED DURING THE NON-DISCRIMINATORY INSPECTIONS:

In 2017 inspectors of Food and Veterinary Service (FVS) carried out 3080 checks, to evaluate conformity of animal transportation with requirements of Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005. The analysis of the major infringements is given in table below:

Classification of infringements during transport of animals in 2017

No	Non conformity	Number of case	Percentage of case
1.	Absence of accompanying documents for animals	33	61%
2.	Transport practices	9	17%
3.	Absence of confirmation of disinfection	6	11%
4.	Means of transport	3	5%
5.	Journey times and resting periods	2	4%
6.	Fitness of animals	1	2%
	TOTAL	54	100%

Penalties for the breach of requirements were imposed in 4 cases. 2 cases were reported as laid down in Article 26 of Regulation 1/2005. In other cases dates for correction of nonconformities were fixed.

In cases where an irregularity is detected during a check of transport on a place of departure, the FVS official veterinarian will never allow the journey to begin. Only in cases where an irregularity was prevented or no violation was detected, the FVS official veterinarian authorizes the journey.

2. ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE DEFICIENCIES DESCRIBED UNDER POINT 1.

Cooperation with Competent Authorities in other Member States and notification of infringements as laid down in Article 26 of Regulation 1/2005.

Training for FVS official veterinarians of slaughterhouses will be organized on checks of animal transport.

Inspection procedures, checklists on the checks of animal transport, approval and inspection of means of transport were revised and updated in November 2017.