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**Subject: Annual report on the protection of animals during transport for 2007**

State Food and Veterinary Service of Republic of Lithuania (SFVS) inform that in 2007 county, district and city SFVS officials made 1023 checks of animals in transport and detected 90 infringements on protection of animals during transport. By the Administrative Code of Lithuania 39 physical and legal persons were imposed fines of 2.300 LTL for the violation of legal acts on animal welfare.

An analysis of the major deficiencies of infringements in 2007 is presented below:

Non conformity points	Number	Percentage
1. Suitability of animals for transport	1	1.11%
2. Space and density	2	2.22%
3. Ventilation	3	3.33%
4. Design and maintenance of the means of transport	21	23.33%
5. Separation of animals	4	4.44%
6. Absence or non conformity of the journey log	12	13.33%
7. Duration of transport and rest	10	11.11%
8. Loading and unloading	12	13.33%
9. Care and handling of animals	8	8.88%
10. Others	17	18.88%
Total:	90	100

In accordance with 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, the SFVS has organized meetings with the official veterinarians-inspectors who perform quarterly inspections.

By Order No. B1-136 of 26 January 2007 of the Directors of SFVS (Official Gazette, 2007, No. 16-610) the documents to be provided to the territorial SFVS by the transporters applying for a permission to transport animals were approved (Annex 1 to the Procedure on issue of animal transporters permits).

The officials of the territorial State Food and Veterinary Services responsible for the control of animals during transport have been instructed to strengthen the procedure of approval of animal transporters and issue of permits for animal transporters. Animal transporters must be approved and permits for animal transporters must only be issued to natural and legal persons, which meet the requirements of Articles 6, 10 and 11 to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005.

The SFVS has an annual training programme for its officials.

The Continuing Training Centre of the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy organizes and conducts trainings to animal handlers, drivers and attendants on the issues of animal safety during transport. Besides, the Continuing Training Centre organizes trainings for transporters and drivers – 208 in 2007.

Trainings on the protection of animals during transport for the veterinary inspectors have been held as follows:

On 4-7 September 2006, the TAIEX, jointly with State Food and Veterinary Service (SFVS) organized the workshop RTP 22839 on the welfare of animals during transport and at slaughter, Klaipeda county SFVS, 61 trainees.

On 11-13 September 2007, under the Twinning project No. LT/2006/IB/AG/02 "Strengthening control on the system for the protection of animals" the training course "Control on welfare of animals during transport" was arranged in Vilnius for 35 trainees.

On 2-4 October 2007, under the Twinning project No. LT/2006/IB/AG/02 "Strengthening control on the system for the protection of animals" the training course "Control on welfare of animals during transport" was arranged in Klaipeda, 30 trainees.

In 2007, under the Twinning Project No. LT/2006/IB/AG/02 "Strengthening control on the system for the protection of animals" the trainings for the official veterinary inspectors who perform official controls of the animals during transport were conducted on the following subjects:

- General conditions for the transport of animals,
- Filling in transport documents,
- Suitability of animals for transport,
- Suitability of the means of transport for transport of animals,
- Understanding of the physiology of animals, their needs for feeding and watering, of animal behaviour and stress,
- Practical aspects of behaviours towards animals,
- Impact of driving practices on the welfare of animals and quality of meat,
- Care of animals in emergencies,
- Safety of staffs handling animals.


Under the Twinning Project No. LT/2006/IB/AG/02 "Strengthening control on the system for the protection of animals" during first quarter (orders SFVS director No.B1-109 and No B1-110 of 25-28 February 2008) the training course "Welfare control of animals during transport" was given for official veterinary inspectors, with an emphasis on the approval of transporters for long journeys, conformity of the means of transport used for long journeys, evaluation of the route and verification of the journey logs.

The officials of the territorial SFVS shall not approve the journeys logs which do not meet the requirements.

The officials of the territorial SFVS shall verify the actual watering and feeding intervals, resting and journey times during the journey through the control of filled in journey logs after completion of the journey.

Sincerely,

Acting Director

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