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SUBJECT Protection of animals during transport - report for 2008

Dear Director-General,

Please find enclosed the annual report on the protection of animals during transport (regulation 1/2005) for the year 2006.

For a better understanding of the figures in this report, it is needed to clarify certain points:

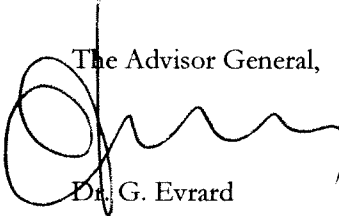
- 1) There are no markets for pigs, domestic birds or rabbits that take place in Belgium.
- 2) There are no transfer points in Belgium.
- 3) All animals destined for export for which a certificate is mandatory, are inspected at their place of departure. If any infringements are detected the animals are not allowed to leave. There is no record keeping of the cases for which a certificate was refused.
- 4) The number of inspections during transport by road are only those carried out by the FASFC (in cooperation with the police). I don't have the number of means of transport for animals that were pulled off the road by the police during random road inspections.
- 5) The numbers for import and export are significantly higher than those for 2007. These numbers, as well as 2007's numbers, originate from the TRACES system. I have no explanation as to why the numbers for 2008 are that much higher.



Actions for the future:

- A dialogue is planned with the FASFC to see if a training concerning the recording equipment for road transport could be foreseen within an overall training on animal welfare during transport, in order for the inspectors to be better able to check the driving and resting times.
- A procedure will be put in place to ensure that targets of inspections on long journeys include checks at unloading at holdings, for as far as the TRACES system enables this.

Yours sincerely,

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