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Referring to your letter no. SANCO D5 AT/nl D(2009)450209 dated 25 May 2009 concerning annual report on inspections carried out in 2008 in the field of the protection of animals during transport, please find attached:

- annual report on the protection of animals during transport
- the analysis of the main infringements detected during inspections carried out in 2008 in the field of the protection of animals during transport,
- the action plan to correct the above mentioned infringements
- report on number of controls taken by Road Transport Inspection.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT

Member State:

Year:

Animals transported (in heads)	Number of inspections					
	1 Bovine	2 Porcine	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic birds and rabbits	6 Other species
a Slaughtered	1 200 183	15 814 193	62 858	32 312	497 471 190	93 378
b Exported	328 456	947 058	62 858	16 313	27 675 224	162 932
c Imported for breeding	6 718	401 437	28	6 103	20 196 764	135 401
d Other animals transported	99 182	708 524	3 933	4 485	37 123 973	815 172
a+b+c+d	1 722 519	17 271 202	74 084	55 213	582 467 051	1 207 838
Percentage of infringements by categories						
a During transport by road	8.59%	6.47%	9.93%	3.11%	14.90%	0.00%
b At the place of destination	79.73%	57.86%	79.54%	0.74%	31.12%	4.20%
c At markets	5.62%	6.80%	5.48%	0.69%	11.30%	0.00%
d2 At place of departure	22.55%	4.34%	95.02%	40.19%	21.84%	95.77%
e3 At stopping points	0.38%	6.32%	0.71%	0.44%	2.49%	0.03%
f3 At transfer points	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Percentage of infringements by categories						
a During transport by road	1.57%	23.30%	0.18%	#DZIEL01	83.46%	0.00%
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f3 At transfer points	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	#DZIEL01	3.94%	0.00%
Percentage of infringements per inspections						
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A Austria	B Belgium	D Germany	DK Denmark	E Spain	EL Greece	F France	FIN Finland	I Italy	IRL Ireland	L Luxembourg	NL Netherlands	P Portugal	S Sweden	UK United Kingdom
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The analysis of the main infringements detected during inspections carried out in 2008 in the field of the protection of animals during transport.

No.	Kind of infringements found	Number of infringemenets	Number and kind of actions taken		
			Law on protection of animals	Regulation 1/2005	others
1.	Fitness for transport	21	4	3	14
2.	Density	65	0	11	32
3.	Ventilation	16	0	2	6
4.	Monitoring and registration of temperature	0	0	0	0
5	Construction and technical condition of mean of transport	98	0	47	46
6	Segregation of animals	4	0	2	2
7	Lack of certificate for mean of transport	33	0	8	24
8	Lack of license for driver and attendance	58	0	6	22
9	Lack of approval for transporter	7	0	0	4
10	Lack or improperly filled in journey log	31	0	0	31
11	Time of transport	94	0	2	100
12	Required rests – feeding and watering of animals	6	0	0	6
13	Loading – unloading*	156	0	4	145

14	Dealing with animals	7	1	6	0
15	Others	486	4	23	420
	TOTAL	1082	9	114	852

*In this section the major part of irregularities (142) detected during controls concerned documentation required according to Council regulation 1/2005

The analysis of the information which were sent by regional veterinary officers concerning the main infringements detected during inspections of means of transport shows that the most discrepancies concerns **documentation required according to the Council regulation no. 1/2005 (such as invalid or lack of certificate of mean of transport, lack of license for driver and attendance lack of approval for transporter and etc.)**.

The next element, which appeared to be a big number of infringements, is **time of transport**.

The third biggest group of infringements detected is the issue concerning **construction and technical condition of mean of transport**.

The following group of important deficiencies constitutes **density of animals** in the means of transport. Most of the above mentioned irregularities were detected during the official veterinary supervision in slaughterhouses.

Furthermore, I would like to inform you that the discrepancy between the number of infringements found and the number of actions taken by Polish veterinary service according to the discrepancies which were detected, is due to the fact that in some of the consignments there were found some of irregularities being one type of violation, and only one correction action was taken. In some cases irregularities of minor importance had been detected thus corrective measures were undertaken on place.

The action plan to correct the main infringements detected during inspections carried out in 2008 in the field of the protection of animals during transport.

1. According to the above mentioned irregularities, Chief Veterinary Officer conducted in **2009 the following training activity** for regional veterinary officers: On 27-28 April 2009, two-day training on animal welfare in transport was organized in General Veterinary Inspectorate for regional veterinary officers. The training was based mainly on materials from the training workshop on animal welfare during transport and related operations, which took place in Giulianova (TE), Italy on 26-30 January 2009. In above mentioned training, organized by European Commission 3 officers from General Veterinary Inspectorate participated. After the training in General Veterinary Inspectorate regional veterinary officers were obliged to carry out trainings for district veterinary officers.

During training the following subjects have been discussed:

- proper handling of different species of animals during transport on road,
- EU legislation according to the Council regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport,
- transport logistics and welfare,
- assessment of critical control points during journey, loading and unloading,
- study on temperature during transport,
- Satellite Navigation Systems in long distance animal transportation.

On 4-6 June 2008, three-day training has taken place in General Veterinary Inspectorate. The training was organized for regional veterinary officers, dealing with animal welfare in their work.

The following subjects were discussed during the above mentioned training:

- requirements for the means of transport according to Council regulation no.1/2005,
- proceedings that should be undertaken by Veterinary Inspection if infringements during animal transport are detected,
- rules for fulfilling of journey log,
- EU legislation according to animal transport.

2. The Instruction of Chief Veterinary Officer on controls undertaken by district veterinary officers according to transport of animals and reporting about results of controls was amended. Main issues which were amended are following:

- update according to amendments in polish legislation
- amendment control protocol of mean of transport according to current changes in legal basis
- changes in naming due to EU legislation

3. Moreover, Chief Veterinary Officer, for the purpose of improvement in dealing with animal welfare, asked the European Commission in the letter no. GIWz.420/AW-71/09 of 19 May 2009 for the interpretation of some provisions of the Council regulation no. 1/2005 such as:

- returning of journey log to the competent authority of the place of departure according to Article 6(9),
- journey time,
- navigation system for long road journeys of poultry
- definition of "a simplified version of journey log" according to art.8 of the Annex II of above mentioned regulation.

Interpretation received from the European Commission has been sent with Polish translation to the regional veterinary inspectorates and to the border veterinary inspectorates.

4. Furthermore, on 19 March 2009 Chief Veterinary Officer in the letter no. GIWz.400/AW-16/09 has reminded the regional veterinary officers about the obligation concerning the following issues:

- district veterinary officers are obliged to verify, according to information from journey log, if the time of journey is possible to be fulfilled and that journey time has to be calculate on the basis of 60 km/h average speed,
- all parameters according to Council regulation no. 1/2005 have to be taken into consideration during controls of animal transport undertaken by district veterinary officers.

5. Due to the irregularities according returning of journey logs, regional veterinary officers were obliged, in the letter no. GIWz.400/AW-17/09 of 11 March 2009, to prepare action plans to avoid above mentioned irregularities with a list of Polish transporters responsible for this kind of repeating violations.

6. On 9 March 2009, on the meeting of Chief Veterinary Officer with regional veterinary inspectors, the most common infringements of animal welfare in transport and possibilities of effective counteraction were discussed.

7. On 5 March 2009 in the letter GIWz.420/AW-15/09 Chief Veterinary Officer has ordered to regional veterinary officers that number and frequency of controls on animal welfare during different operations such as animal transport must be increased and that actions concerning animal welfare have to be conducted in more efficient way.

8. On 23 February 2009 Chief Veterinary Officer has reminded, in the letter no. GIWz.400/AW-9/09, to regional veterinary officers about the possibility of use of administrative fines in order to force in administrative proceedings in connection with animal welfare in transport.

9. Apart from number of controls, placed in the annual report, Veterinary Inspection, together with Road Transport Inspection undertake additional inspections concerning animal welfare in transport.

Number of inspections, carried by Road Transport Inspection in 2008 in means of Transport was 81.

Infringements detected are the following:

- documentation required due to the Council regulation no.1/2005: 18
- construction and technical condition of mean of transport: 83
- time of transport: 2

33 actions were taken, during some inspections more than one irregularity has been detected in one consignment, so only one action has been put in place.

Information about number of controls has been attached to the action plan as Annex.

INFORMACJA ROCZNA Z PRZEPROWADZONYCH KONTROLI W ZAKRESIE DOBROSTANU ZWIERZĄT W TRANSPORCIE PRZEZ INSPEKCJĘ TRANSPORTU DROGOWEGO 2008

Województwo/Voivodeship	Liczba skontrolowanych środków transportu /Number of means of transport controlled	Kontrola dokumentacji/ Controls in documentation	Środek transportu/Mean of transport	Przekroczenie czasu transportu/Jourmey time over limit	Podjęte działania/Actions taken
			Stwierdzone nieprawidłowości (rodzaje nieprawidłowości)-liczba środków transportu/Infringements/ Number of means of transport		
dolnośląskie	0	0	0	0	brak
kujawsko-pomorskie	23	1	3	1	1 x mandat karny, 1 x pouczenie, 1 x warunkowo dopuszczono transport
lubelskie	9	2	0	0	1x mandat karny wydany przez ITD, 1 x pouczenie
lubuskie	3	2	1	0	w celu przeprowadzenia postępowania administracyjnego, 1 x postępowanie w sprawie o brak
łódzkie	0	0	0	0	brak
małopolskie	22	3	71	0	usunięcie uchybień, 2 x mandat karny
mazowieckie	0	0	0	0	brak
opolskie	7	0	0	0	brak
podkarpackie	2	0	1	0	przekazanie dokumentacji do PLW, transport zawrócony
podlaskie	1	1	1	0	1x postępowanie mandatowe, 1 zawiadomienie do PLW
pomorskie	2	0	0	0	brak
śląskie	1	1	1	0	przekazanie sprawy do PLW
świętokrzyskie	1	1	0	1	mandat nałożony przez ITD,
warmińsko-mazurskie	1	0	0	0	brak
wielkopolskie	9	7	5	0	4 x decyzje, 5 x przekazano sprawę do PLW
zachodniopomorskie	0	0	0	0	brak
TOTAL	81	18	83	2	