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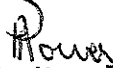
Dear Sir,

Please find attached:

- the annual report on the results of the means of transport checks carried out in the field of animal welfare in 2009 in Poland,
- the analysis of the main infringements detected during inspections carried out in 2009 in the field of the protection of animals during transport, and
- the action plan to correct the above mentioned infringements.

Kind regards,

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**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT**

Member State:

POLAND

Year:

2008

Animals transported (in heads)		1 Bovine	2 Porcine	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic birds and rabbits	6 Other species
a Slaughtered		1 478 972	15 830 567	26 408	46 894	586 438 412	16 211
b Exported		386 297	280 980	42 404	23 539	240 001 043	26 186
c Imported for breeding		8 972	847 431	321	84	22 009 950	51 315
d Other animals transported		115 783	1 843 054	11 864	8 591	56 187 172	1 088 732
a+b+c+d		1 990 024	18 802 032	80 997	79 108	904 636 577	1 182 444

Number of inspections	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species
a During transport by road	39 930	110 453	2 873 012	4 627	11 343	69 980 291	88 955
b At the place of destination	338 087	930 227	9 659 550	4 395	23 153	294 986 868	28 587
c1 At markets	23 702	112 437	774 667	412	6 990	1 020 243	0
c2 At place of departure	31 916	455 168	1 316 302	49 442	25 809	125 752 060	864 749
c3 At staging points	1 140	82 049	85 521	5 993	791	9	0
c4 At transfer points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	434 775	1 690 334	14 709 052	64 869	68 086	491 739 471	982 291
d Documents checks	345 288	1 932 356	7 109 945	24 436	55 364	196 829 297	831 044

Number of infringements	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species
a During transport by road	70	572	457	0	21	1	0
b At the place of destination	3 616	1 274	226 066	9	6	1 088 470	0
c1 At markets	117	928	933	0	30	0	0
c2 At place of departure	13	0	40	0	0	9 001	0
c3 At staging points	28	2	6	13	7	0	0
c4 At transfer points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	3 844	2 776	227 502	22	64	1 097 472	0
d Documents checks	3 523	584	214 811	22	23	483 860	0

**RATIOS**

Percentage of heads inspected / transported		Percentage of inspection by categories						
All species	1 Bovine	2 Porcine	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic birds and rabbits	6 Other species	%	
0,5494281	84,94%	78,23%	80,09%	86,07%	54,36%	83,07%		
Percentage of infringements by categories								
1 In means of transport								
In number of animals								
a During transport by road	b At the place of destination	c1 At markets	c2 At place of departure	c3 At staging points	c4 At transfer points			
9,18%	77,76%	55,03%	65,67%	6,78%	34,01%	16,66%	14,23%	
6,53%	19,53%	7,13%	19,53%	19,53%	19,53%	19,53%	19,53%	
Percentage of infringements by categories								
1 In means of transport								
In number of animals								
a During transport by road	b At the place of destination	c1 At markets	c2 At place of departure	c3 At staging points	c4 At transfer points			
1,82%	94,07%	3,04%	33,43%	0,41%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	
20,61%	45,89%	99,37%	0,20%	40,91%	9,38%	32,81%	99,18%	
0,20%	99,37%	40,91%	0,00%	46,88%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	
Percentage of infringements per inspections								
1 In means of transport								
In number of animals								
a During transport by road	b At the place of destination	c1 At markets	c2 At place of departure	c3 At staging points	c4 At transfer points			
0,18%	1,07%	0,49%	0,04%	2,46%	0,88%	1,02%	0,00%	
0,52%	0,14%	0,83%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,03%	0,00%	
0,02%	2,34%	0,12%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,09%	0,00%	
0,00%	0,20%	0,00%	0,00%	0,22%	0,09%	0,04%	0,00%	
0,00%	0,03%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	
AVERAGE % per physical checks								
Documents checks								
0,16%	1,55%	3,02%	0,03%	0,09%	0,22%	0,25%	0,00%	

**The analysis of the main infringements detected during inspections carried out in 2009 in the field of the protection of animals during transport.**

No.	Kind of infringements found	Number of infringements	Number and kind of actions taken		
			Law on protection of animals	Regulation 1/2005	others
1.	Fitness for transport	32	0	0	32
2.	Density	20	0	0	16
3.	Ventilation	3	2	0	1
4.	Construction and technical condition of mean of transport	159	10	5	138
5.	Segregation of animals	5	1	0	4
6.	Lack of certificate for mean of transport	14	5	0	9
7.	Lack of license for driver and attendance	2	0	0	2
8.	Lack of approval for transporter	43	1	0	33
9.	Lack or improperly filled in journey log	96	0	0	94
10.	Time of transport	52	2	0	41
11.	Required rests – feeding and watering of animals	2	0	1	3
12.	Loading – unloading*	324	0	1	319
13.	Dealing with animals	29	2	2	26
14.	Others	3061	7	5	2986
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3842</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3704</b>

\*In this section the major part of irregularities (299) 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 - there is 454 such infringements mentioned in points 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 of the table above (invalid or lack of certificate of mean of transport, lack of license for driver and attendance lack of approval for transporter, lack or improperly filled journey log and etc.)**.

The next element, which appeared to be a big number of infringements, is **construction and technical condition of mean of transport**.

The following group of important deficiencies constitutes **time of transport**.

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 number of total infringements from the analysis differs from the number of total infringements from the annual report on the protection of animals during transport because in the table from annual report there are also information on inspections carried out by RTI (Road Transport Inspection).

**The action plan to correct the main infringements detected during inspections carried out in 2009 in the field of the protection of animals during transport.**

1. Taking into the account that total amount of infringements concerning journey time and journey logs was 148, and the fact that journey time is one of the most important thing in animal welfare issues during transport of live animals, the Chief Veterinary Officer of Poland has sent to all regional veterinary officers the letter no. GIWz.423/AW-9/10, where he has reminded of:

- the necessity of verification of the records in journey logs;
- the necessity of detailed control of journey time based on journey logs and in uncertain cases also on base of records from tachographs and navigation system;
- necessity of exact calculation of journey time, especially when animals are loaded in different places

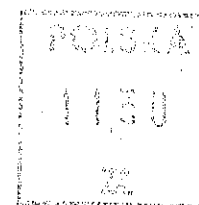
Moreover, the Chief Veterinary Officer has recommended in letter, that district veterinary officers should apply to carriers for records from navigation system from 20% of transports that have been sent from their districts and 20% of transports that have arrived to the districts.

2. In the third quarter of the year 2010 the CVO instruction concerning the control of means of animal transport no. GIWz.420.AW-54/09 will be updated as regards details of the methodology of the inspections. Especially, the focus will be put on the issues such as:

- requirements for means of transport,
- journey time, including verification of journey logs
- fitness for transport
- handling with animals and actions taken in case of infringements during transport.

3. Chief Veterinary Officer has sent the letter no. GIWz.420/AW-29/10 on 14 July 2010 to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, concerning the necessity of amendments in Polish legislation, especially in Act of 21 August 1997 on protection of animals, which might enable the Veterinary Inspection to impose a mandatory fine in case of violation of provisions on animal transport, excluding the cases which are recognized as an act of cruelty. The possibility to impose of severe financial penalties by Veterinary Inspection would enable effective enforcement of the provisions in case of detecting the infringements on animal welfare.

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