

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

Annual report from the Federal Republic of Germany on the inspections carried out in accordance with Article 27(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005

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Member States are required to submit an annual report to the European Commission on the animal transport inspections carried out, together with an analysis of the major deficiencies detected and an action plan to address them.

Please find attached the data on the animal transport inspections carried out in the Federal Republic of Germany in 2008, the abovementioned analysis and the corresponding action plan.

With regard to the number of animals transported, figures for transport within Germany relate only to transport to the slaughterhouse. For "Domestic birds and rabbits" and "Other species", only information on imported and exported animals was available.

Analysis of the major deficiencies detected and an action plan to address them

In the animal transport inspections carried out in Germany in 2008, serious deficiencies were only occasionally detected. These are listed below:

- transport of animals unfit for transport
- lack of access to water
- transport of polled and horned cattle in one group
- insufficient separation (group size)
- insufficient height for natural upright position (particularly in double-decker transport of cattle)
- transport time exceeded
- overloading of transport vehicles
- excessive waiting times for transport vehicles at the slaughterhouse.

Depending on the seriousness of the offence, the following measures were taken:

- cautions, instructions, infringement proceedings, criminal charges
- notification of the authority which granted the authorisation to the transporter or the certificate of approval of the means of transport (Article 26(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005)
- notification of the authority which issued the driver's certificate of competence (Article 26(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005)

- in cross-border complaints, notification of the national contact point for the protection of animals during transport in accordance with Article 24(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005
- discussion of the deficiencies with the livestock dealers and transport companies
- discussion of specific cases in the context of training and information events for those involved in animal transport.

A specific example of a serious deficiency in transport is described below:

Intra-Community long-distance transport of day-old chicks

In an instance of intra-Community long-distance transport of day-old chicks (167 boxes, each with 80 chicks), the accompanying documentation did not provide information on the expected duration of the transport. Furthermore, there was no transporter authorisation in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation (EC) 1/2005, although the transit time alone was to be 12.5 hours. The animal health certificate required by Council Directive 90/539/EEC was also missing.

The following steps were taken:

As the condition of the chicks was in compliance with legal requirements and a further delay would have been excessive, the driver of the transport vehicle was allowed to continue the journey. The relevant authority informed the national contact point for the protection of animals during transport. From there the facts of the case were forwarded to the national contact point of the Member State affected. As another Member State is obviously involved, further clarification is still required.