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### **Annual report on animal welfare checks carried out under Commission Decision 2006/778**

The Bulgarian Food Safety Agency (BFSA) is the official competent authority for monitoring compliance with animal welfare requirements.

Checks on compliance with animal welfare requirements are carried out on the basis of an annual plan approved by the BFSA Executive Director. Checks within the framework of official monitoring of animal welfare and protection are scheduled at regular intervals, on the basis of risk analysis, taking into consideration the risks identified in previous inspections relating to animal welfare and protection.

Risk analysis is based on irregularities established regarding the rearing of calves for meat production, pigs and poultry (laying hens and broilers), and irregularities established regarding the transportation of animals, pursuant to the relevant legislation.

The following actions may be taken where infringements of animal welfare requirements are established during the relevant checks:

- An instruction is issued to remedy the non-compliance within 3 months; this is not followed by any immediate action concerning administrative and criminal penalties;
- An instruction is issued to remedy the non-compliance within a period exceeding 3 months; this is not followed by any immediate action concerning administrative and criminal penalties;
- Administrative and criminal penalties are imposed.

To facilitate the implementation of official controls, the 'Health and Welfare' Directorate at BFSA headquarters has drawn up regulations in the field of animal welfare. The relevant documents are published on the BFSA website:

[http://babh.government.bg/bg/actualno-department-health&article\\_id=107.html](http://babh.government.bg/bg/actualno-department-health&article_id=107.html)

#### **I. Livestock farms**

4939 checks were carried out on livestock farms for the purposes of animal welfare control.

Instructions and administrative infringement notices were issued in relation to established infringements.

The table below shows detailed information on the checks and infringements concerned.

**Table 1:**

<i>Animal category</i>		<i>Laying hens</i>				<i>Calves</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
<i>No</i>	<i>Farming method</i>	<i>Free range</i>	<i>Barn</i>	<i>Enriched cages</i>	<i>Unenriched cages</i>		
1	Production sites subject to inspection	3	81	19	45	302	473
2	Production sites inspected	3	69	18	41	208	430
3	Production sites without non-compliance	1	58	12	11	165	379
<i>Number of non-compliances</i>							
4	Staffing	0	9	1	2	43	25
5	Inspection	0	1	5	1	9	5
6	Record keeping	0	3	5	2	7	28
7	Freedom of movement	0	0	0	3	0	2
8	Space allowances	2	0	0	19	1	2
9	Buildings and accommodation	0	1	1	11	40	21
10	Minimum lighting	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	Flooring (for pigs)	0	0	0	0	0	4
12	Materials	0	2	0	0	1	4
13	Automated and mechanical equipment	0	3	0	1	4	9
14	Feed, water and other substances	2	0	0	17	3	5
15	Haemoglobin (calves)	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Fibrous feed (calves and sows)	0	0	0	0	0	12
17	Mutilations	0	0	0	0	0	4
18	Breeding procedures	0	0	0	5	0	4
19	Non-compliance A	2	5	11	23	50	47
20	Non-compliance B	0	4	1	6	1	2
21	Non-compliance C	0	0	0	5	0	0

**Table 2:**

<i>N</i>	<i>Animal category</i>	<i>Cattle (except calves)</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Goats</i>	<i>Domestic fowls (*)</i>	<i>Ratites</i>	<i>Ducks</i>	<i>Geese</i>	<i>Fur animals</i>	<i>Turkeys</i>
1	Production sites to subject inspection	10280	4918	3729	1135	2	67	0	0	0
2	Production sites inspected	2375	1241	209	295	2	45	2	0	1
3	Production sites without non-compliance	2003	1090	197	266	2	33	2	0	1
<i>Number of non-compliances</i>										
4	Staffing	153	76	3	10	0	5	0	0	0
5	Inspection	31	10	1	9	0	0	0	0	0
6	Record keeping	188	64	10	20	0	8	0	0	0
7	Freedom of movement	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Buildings and accommodation	182	69	8	2	0	0	0	0	0
9	Automated and mechanical equipment	24	14	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
10	Feed, water and other substances	204	67	3	3	0	7	0	0	0
11	Mutilations	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Breeding procedures	20	8	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
13	Non-compliance A	268	90	7	10	0	12	0	0	0
14	Non-compliance B	325	130	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Non-compliance C	13	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
(*) Poultry of the species <i>Gallus gallus</i> except laying hens										

## **II. Animal transport**

The annual report on transport covers animal welfare checks carried out during animal transport over short and long journeys in 2011.

The issuance of licences for transporters of live animals was continued, pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport, so as to guarantee that the animal welfare and protection requirements were observed during transport. 181 licences for long and short-haul means of transport were issued in 2011.

The following checks were carried out to monitor compliance with the rules on animal welfare during transport: 96 checks in the course of transport, 14 793 checks at the place of destination, 4 at livestock markets, 912 at the place of departure, and 438 at intermediate points. Instructions and administrative infringement notices were issued in relation to established infringements.

The table below shows detailed information on the relevant checks and infringements.

**Table 3: Annual report on animal protection during transport**  
**Republic of Bulgaria**

**Year: 2011**

<b>Animals transported (number)</b>		1 Cattle	2 Pigs	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic fowls and rabbits	6 Other species
a Slaughtered		55 464	692 020	450 904	106	31 358 193	0
b Exported		27 605	6	614 410	742	18 050	0
c Imported for breeding		771	87	161	79	71 948	5
d Other animals transported		2 351	32 076	6 922	1 256	20 715 451	5 891
a+b+c+d		<b>86 191</b>	<b>724 189</b>	<b>1 072 397</b>	<b>2 183</b>	<b>52 163 642</b>	<b>5 896</b>
<b>Number of checks</b>	1 Inside means of transport	Number of animals					
a In the course of transport		2 Cattle	3 Pigs	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic fowls and rabbits	7 Other species
b At the place of destination	96	150	215	386	64	40	1
c1 At livestock markets	14 793	13 763	343 319	307 052	122	26 161 200	3 090
c2 At the place of departure	4	9	0	0	0	20	0
c3 At places of rest	912	11 046	1 267	314 050	1 142	1 167 542	0
c4 At intermediate points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	<b>16 243</b>	<b>66 533</b>	<b>344 807</b>	<b>635 439</b>	<b>2 137</b>	<b>27 432 022</b>	<b>3 096</b>
d Checks on documentation	6 392	3 420	38 126	45 030	218	5 052 944	4

Number of infringements	Number of animals						
	1 Inside means of transport	2 Cattle	3 Pigs	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic fowls and rabbits	7 Other species
a In the course of transport							
b At the place of destination							
c1 At livestock markets	65	89	189	246	51	40	0
	12	0	61	28	22	4 471	0
	1	0	0	0	0	20	0
c2 At the place of departure	8	20	91	2 783	2	3	0
c3 At places of rest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c4 At intermediate points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	<b>86</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>3 057</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4 534</b>	<b>0</b>
d Checks on documentation	78	89	185	247	49	20	0

**Table 4:**

Ratios:							
Percentage of animals checked / transported %	All species	1 Cattle	2 Pigs	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	6 Domestic fowls and rabbits	6 Other species
	0.399841	77.19%	47.61%	59.25%	97.89%	52.59%	52.51%
Percentage of checks	Number of animals						
	1 Inside means of transport	2 Cattle	3 Pigs	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic fowls and rabbits	7 Other species
a In the course of transport	0.59%	0.23%	0.06%	0.06%	2.99%	0.00%	0.03%
b At the place of destination	91.07%	20.69%	99.57%	48.32%	5.71%	95.37%	99.81%
c1 At livestock markets	0.02%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c2 At the place of departure	5.61%	16.60%	0.37%	49.42%	53.44%	4.26%	0.00%

c3 At places of rest	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c4 At intermediate points	2.70%	62.47%	0.00%	2.20%	37.86%	0.38%	0.16%
<b>Percentage of infringements by categories</b>		Number of animals					
	1 Inside means of transport	2 Cattle	3 Pigs	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic fowls and rabbits	7 Other species
a In the course of transport	75.58%	81.65%	55.43%	8.05%	68.00%	0.88%	0.00%
b At the place of destination	13.95%	0.00%	17.89%	0.92%	29.33%	98.61%	0.00%
c1 At livestock markets	1.16%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.44%	0.00%
c2 At the place of departure	9.30%	18.35%	26.69%	91.04%	2.67%	0.07%	0.00%
c3 At places of rest	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c4 At intermediate points	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Percentage of infringements established upon checks</b>		Number of animals					
	1 Inside means of transport	2 Cattle	3 Pigs	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic fowls and rabbits	7 Other species
a In the course of transport	67.71%	59.33%	87.91%	63.73%	79.69%	100.00%	0.00%
b At the place of destination	0.08%	0.00%	0.02%	0.01%	18.03%	0.02%	0.00%
c1 At livestock markets	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
c2 At the place of departure	0.88%	0.18%	7.18%	0.89%	0.18%	0.00%	0.00%
c3 At places of rest	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c4 At intermediate points	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Ratio (%) of physical checks</b>	0.53%	0.16%	0.10%	0.48%	3.51%	0.02%	0.00%
d Checks on documentation	1.22%	2.60%	0.49%	0.55%	22.48%	0.00%	0.00%

