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STATE FOOD AND VETERINARY SERVICE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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Subject: Annual report on the protection of animals during transport for 2011

Dear Mr Van Goethem,

Please find attached the annual report on protection of animals during transport for year 2011 as required by Article 27 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005.

The State Food and Veterinary Service of Republic of Lithuania (hereafter - SFVS) inform that in 2011 the territorial SFVS officials performed 11272 checks of means of transport containing animals: 9886 at the place of destination, 52 during transport by road, 13 at the markets and 1242 at the place of departure and detected 96 infringements on protection of animals during transport. 18 physical and legal persons were imposed fines at total amount of 960 LTL under the Administrative Code of the Republic of Lithuania and 4 carriers had their activities suspended for the violation of legal acts on animal welfare.

An analysis of the major infringements in 2011 is presented below:

Non conformity points	Number	Percentage
1. Suitability of animals for transport	5	5.2 %
2. Space and density	8	8.3 %
3. Ventilation	3	3.1 %
4. Design and maintenance of the means of transport	14	14.5 %
5. Separation of animals	3	3.1 %
6. Absence or non conformity of the journey log	10	10.4 %
7. Duration of transport and rest	13	13.5 %
8. Loading and unloading	2	2.0 %
9. Care and handling of animals	12	12.5 %
10. Others	26	27.0 %
Total:	96	100%

The SFVS has revised SOP KT-2-4-10 "Official veterinary control on the welfare of animals during transport and of transporters of animals" approved by SFVS director Order No. B1-577 of 29 December 2009 and amended it by Order No B1-706 of November 2011 in accordance with the letter from European Commission No. SANCO G3/AN/ap D (2011) 862232, regarding the internal height of transport means.

In 2011 the SFVS organized two trainings for official veterinary inspectors who perform inspections on animal welfare during transport on general conditions for the transport of animals, on filling in transport documents, suitability of animals for transport, suitability of means of transport for long journey of animals, ventilation of vehicles and temperature monitoring and navigation system, awareness of the physiology of animals, their needs for feeding and watering, of animal behaviour and stress, practical aspects of behaviour towards animals, impact of driving practices on the welfare of animals and the quality of meat, care of animals in emergencies, safety of staffs handling animals. The officials were instructed to draw attention on realistic execution of long time journey and the intervals for feeding, watering and resting of animals, and ventilation navigation and temperature control systems and space per animal.

Aiming to ensure effective training of the responsible officials of the territorial SFVS performing official veterinary control on conformity with the requirements on protection of animals in transport, the SFVS has conducted trainings during which the attention was drawn to the infringements detected during inspections, including of the requirements referred to in Chapters II and VI of Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 as required in Article 18(1)b of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005.


The Training Centre of Continuing Education of the Lithuanian Veterinary Academy has organized and conducted training for animal handlers, drivers and attendants on the issues of animal safety during transport. The Centre also organized 85 trainings for transporters and drivers in 2011. Following the previous FVO mission recommendations, the Training Centre has organised extra training courses for persons dealing with animal transportation in Šiauliai and Panevėžys on the implementation of the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport.

On 11 of February 2011, the SFVS signed the Agreement on cooperation T2-9/TE-9 with the State Inspection of Road Transport under the Ministry of Communication to perform the inspections on conformity with the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005. The Agreement on cooperation with the Police Department T-2-28 was signed on 31 May 2010.

The SFVS will take every effort to implement and strengthen control on the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005.

Sincerely yours,

Director



Dr. Jonas Milius

Attachment: Report (2 pages)

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT

Member State:

Lithuania

Year: 2011

Animals transported (in heads)	In number of animals						
	1 Bovine	2 Porcine	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic birds and rabbits	6 Other species	7 Other species
a Slaughtered	166.340	703.709	4.691	2.207	24.803.149		
b Exported	129.415	391.639		268	5.241.462		415
c Imported for breeding	1.170	50.350	36	10	513.409		4.770
d Other animals transported	2.072	46.405		355	3.140.261		31.136
a+b+c+d	298.997	1.192.103	4.727	2.840	33.698.281		36.321
	In number of animals						
1 In means of transport	2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species	
a During transport by road	52	256	747	6	3.456		
b At the place of destination	9.886	62.349	156.531	1.058	12.517.242		14.299
c1 At markets	13	24	52		4.766		2.450
c2 At place of departure	1.242	58.758	77.870	546	4.422.936		2.091
c3 At staging points							
c4 At transfer points	79	14.262	551				
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	11.272	135.649	235.200	1.610	16.948.400		18.840
d Documents checks	11.272	135.649	235.200	1.610	16.948.400		18.840
	In number of animals						
Number of infringements	2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species	
a During transport by road	26	111		8	330		
b At the place of destination	43	130			1.057.192		
c1 At markets	10	2			1.950		
c2 At place of departure	17	385					
c3 At staging points							
c4 At transfer points							
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	96	628	4.322	8	1.059.472		0
d Documents checks	96	628	4.322	8	1.059.472		0

RATIOS

Percentage of heads inspected / transported %	All species						
	1 Bovine	2 Porcine	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic birds and rabbits	6 Other species	
0,49220298	45,37%	19,73%	46,99%	56,69%	50,29%	51,87%	
In number of animals							
1 In means of transport	2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species	
In number of animals							
Percentage of infringements by categories	1 In means of transport	2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species
	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							
In number of animals							
Percentage of infringements per inspections	1 In means of transport	2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species
	a During transport by road	43,36%	74,70%		133,33%	9,55%	#DIV/0!
	b At the place of destination	0,21%	1,09%	0,00%	0,00%	8,45%	
	c1 At markets						
	c2 At place of departure	0,66%	2,64%	#DIV/0!	0,00%	0,00%	
c3 At staging points							
c4 At transfer points							
In number of animals							
AVERAGE % per physical checks	0,85%	0,46%	1,84%	0,00%	0,50%	6,25%	0,00%
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d Documents checks							