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Subject: Annual report on the protection of animals during transport for 2009

Dear Ms. Magdalena Zietara,

Please find attached the annual report on protection of animals during transport for year 2009 as required by Article 27 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005.

The State Food and Veterinary Service of Republic of Lithuania (SFVS) inform that in 2009 the county, district and city SFVS officials made 3.224 checks of animals in transport and detected 91 infringements on protection of animals during transport. Under the Administrative Code of the Republic of Lithuania, 35 physical and legal persons were imposed fines of 2260 LTL for the violation of legal acts on animal welfare.

An analysis of the major infringements in 2009 is presented below:

Non conformity points	Number	Percentage
1. Suitability of animals for transport	1	1%
2. Space and density	4	4.4%
3. Ventilation	4	4.4%
4. Design and maintenance of the means of transport	10	10.9%
5. Separation of animals	1	1%
6. Absence or non conformity of the journey log	4	4.4%
7. Duration of transport and rest	9	9.9%
8. Loading and unloading	2	2.1%

9. Care and handling of animals	5	5.5%
10. Others	51	56%
Total:	91	100%

Competent officials of the territorial SFVS performing control on implementation of requirements for protection of animals during transport are guided by the 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. The SOP establishes the procedure on the inspection of vehicles for transport of animals at the place of dispatch and destination and during journey, on the assessment for suitability to transport animals, on control of travel and resting times and on checks of transporters of animals. The officials of the territorial SFVS must verify the actual watering and feeding intervals, resting and journey times during the journey by inspecting the filled in journey logs after completion of the journey.

In accordance with 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, the SFVS has organized meetings with the official veterinarians-inspectors who perform quarterly inspections. Last year, the Food and Veterinary Internal Audit Service carried out one non-scheduled inspection on the conformity with Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005.

From 24 November to 3 December 2009, in order to evaluate the implementation of controls for animal welfare on farms and during transport, a general audit of FVO was carried out. On 11 January 2010, the SFVS aiming to ensure implementation of the requirements on welfare and protection of animals informed the competent officials of the territorial SFVS about the infringements detected during the inspection.

The SFVS has an annual training programme for its officials. 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 to them on the SOP KT-2-4-10 "Official veterinary control on the welfare of animals during transport and of transporters of animals", 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 has also organized trainings for transporters and drivers – 260 in 2009. The trainings for the official veterinary inspectors who perform official controls of the animals during transport have been conducted on the following subjects:

- General conditions for the transport of animals,
- Filling in transport documents,
- Suitability of animals for transport,
- Suitability of the means of transport for transport of animals,
- Understanding 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 quality of meat,
- Care of animals in emergencies,
- Safety of staffs handling animals.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Director

Attachment: A report (2 pages)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vidmantas Paulauskas', written in a cursive style.

Vidmantas Paulauskas

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT

Member State:

Lithuania

Year 2009

Animals transported (in heads)	39.441.732	1 Bovine	2 Porcine	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic birds and rabbits	6 Other species
		a Slaughtered	included birds	185.787	551.811	5.402	2.441
b Exported		145.817	564.528	117	1.550	6.267.535	
c Imported for breeding		4.133	4.655	175	120	750.350	
d Other animals transported		8.275	327	85	110	670.230	
a+b+c+d		344.012	1.121.321	5.779	4.221	46.365.595	18.811

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	52	216	1.911			3.000	400
b At the place of destination	311	2.113	173.865	112	39	19.401	
c1 At markets	3	37			10		
c2 At place of departure	2.858	108.815	221.677	121	1.718	6.215.066	
c3 At staging points							
c4 At transfer points							
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	3.224	111.181	397.453	233	1.767	6.237.467	400
d Documents checks	3.224	111.181	397.453	233	1.767	6.237.467	400

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	20	1.200	2.250		42	2.348	
b At the place of destination	35	2.450	1.210		12	1.780	
c1 At markets	15	10	50			4.508	
c2 At place of departure	21	584	988	85	22	300	
c3 At staging points							
c4 At transfer points							
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	91	4.244	4.498	85	76	8.936	0
d Documents checks	91	4.244	4.498	85	76	8.936	

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Percentage of heads inspected / transported %	All species	1 Bovine	2 Porcine	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic birds and rabbits	6 Other species
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Percentage of inspection by categories	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							
b At the place of destination							
c1 At markets							
c2 At place of departure							
c3 At staging points							
c4 At transfer points							
Percentage of infringements by categories	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							
b At the place of destination							
c1 At markets							
c2 At place of departure							
c3 At staging points							
c4 At transfer points							
Percentage of infringements per 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	38,46%	555,56%	117,74%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	78,27%	0,00%
b At the place of destination	11,25%	115,95%	0,70%	0,00%	30,77%	9,17%	
c1 At markets							
c2 At place of departure	0,73%	0,54%	0,45%	70,25%	1,28%	0,00%	
c3 At staging points							
c4 At transfer points							
AVERAGE % per physical checks	2,82%	3,82%	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	0,00%
d Documents checks	2,82%	3,82%	1,13%	36,48%	4,30%	0,14%	