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European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Consumers, B-1049 Brussels

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**BY HAND**

**Subject: Reporting of spot checks on means of transport and animals during transport in Denmark in 2008**

With reference to Article 27(2) of 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, we are enclosing the annual report on checks on means of transport and animals during transport in Denmark in 2008.

The Regulation also states that the annual report must be accompanied by an analysis of the major deficiencies detected and an action plan to address them.

On 22 August 2008 a political arrangement was entered into in Denmark, under which DKK 90.5 million will be injected into the veterinary field over the next four years. It covers a total of 18 points, including better checks on animal transport, better quality of assembly centre checks in connection with animal transport, intensification of examination of sows for shoulder lesions prior to departure, and more roadside checks.

Under the arrangement, checks on animal transport are to be stepped up significantly. Among other things the regional food and veterinary authorities' prior and subsequent checks on transporters' logbooks will be improved. Instructions to be used by the regional authorities for such checks will be prepared.

The quality of checks at assembly centres in connection with animal transport is also to be improved. The intention is to devote more time to examining individual animals and to make changes to the equipping of assembly centres.

The Justice Ministry's Order on assembly centres contains provisions on the equipping of centres. The Ministry, in cooperation with the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, will prepare a draft amendment to the Order with a view to its adoption in the course of 2009.

A report from the Justice Ministry's working group on shoulder lesions in sows recommends that ante mortem inspection of sows at slaughterhouses be stepped up, so that all serious shoulder lesions are recorded. Implementation of the working group's recommendation is one of the points in the mentioned arrangement on the veterinary field.

Finally, roadside checks are to be intensified through cooperation between the police and the DVFA's animal welfare flying squad. Further details will be agreed between the DVFA, the Justice Ministry and the police.

The content of the political arrangement, including the points mentioned above, is now being implemented.

For the sake of good order, it is pointed out that until the Danish Justice Ministry receives more detailed information from the Commission on the requirements as to the analysis and action plan prescribed in Article 27(2) of the Regulation, it will continue to report in accordance with the current format, as previously proposed by the Commission, and describe the current initiatives/changes in the field of animal transport in Denmark.

Yours faithfully,

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