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 Health and Consumer Protection Directorate -
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SUBJECT Protection of animals during transport - report for 2007

Dear Director-General,

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Please find enclosed the annual report on the protection of animals during transport (regulation 1/2005) for the year 2007.

For a better understanding of the figures in this report, it is needed to clarify certain points:

- 1) There are no markets for pigs, domestic birds or rabbits that take place in Belgium.
- 2) There are no transfer points in Belgium.
- 3) All animals destined for export for which a certificate is mandatory, are inspected at their place of departure. If any infringements are detected the animals are not allowed to leave. There is no record keeping of the cases for which a certificate was refused.
- 4) The staging points in Belgium were not used during 2007 because of the Bluetongue disease.
- 5) The number of inspections during transport by road are only those carried out by the FASFC (in cooperation with the police). I don't have the number of means of transport for animals that were pulled off the road by the police during random road inspections. Of the 114 vehicles that were inspected by the FASFC there were 90 vehicles transporting cattle, 10 vehicles transporting pigs, 9 vehicles transporting horses, 3 vehicles transporting sheep and 2 vehicles transporting poultry. I don't have the exact number of animals concerned. No infringements were noted.

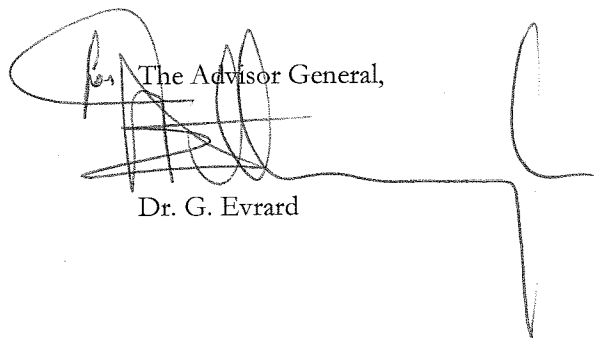
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Actions for the future:

On November 4th and November 6th a special training will be provided for the police concerning the inspection of the welfare of animals during transport. This training will be organised in cooperation with the animal welfare organisation Animal's Angels.

Yours sincerely,


The Advisor General,
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