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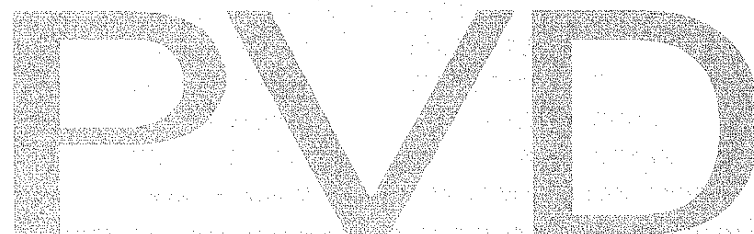
Dear Mr. Van Goethem,

In reply to the letter SANCO D5 AN/dj D(2010)358107 regarding incomplete report on the protection of animals during transport for year 2008 Food and Veterinary Service of the Republic of Latvia submits additional information on corrective actions taken.

Annex on 1 page attached.

Yours sincerely,
Director General

M. Balodis



ANNEX

Regarding Concil Regulation (EC) 1/2005, in 2008 FVS officials carried out 820 checks, to evaluate animals transportation confirmity with Concil Regulation (EC) 1/2005 requirements. The analysis of the major infringements are given in table below:

Number and classification of infringements during transport of animals in 2008

No	Non confirmity	Number of case	Percentage
1.	Non confirmity of the Journey log	8	22.2%
2.	Design and maintence of vehicle	6	16.7%
3.	Ventilation, temperature	5	13.9%
4.	Suitability of animals for transportation	5	13.9%
5.	Resting, feeding, drinking of animals	4	11.1%
6.	Care and handling of animals	3	8.3%
7.	Absence of Sertificates of competence	3	8.3%
8.	Other	2	5.5%
	TOTAL	36	100%

Actions:

- 1) 8 persons were imposed fines for the violation of legal acts on animal welfare; in 5 cases animals transportation were forbidden in the place of departure; in 3 cases transporter sertificate were suspended; in other cases FVS inspectors pointed up nonconformities and draw up deadlines for its correction;
- 2) FVS has organized seminars for animals transporter to clarify the requirements given in Concil Regulation (EC) 1/2005 and actually existing nonconformities;
- 3) In order to evaluate the implementation of the requirements of animal welfare during transport FVS Central Office controls were carried out in 3 FVS regional offices;
- 4) In FVS chief veterinary officer meetings FVS CA officials inform on control results and other actual issue;
- 5) In annual and semiannual meetings FVS CA officials inform regional inspectors on control results, infringements detected on animals welfare and make analyse on existing critical points on inspections;

On the basis of this critical points in 2009 FVS CA officials planning the training seminar for regional veterinary inspectors on evaluation of animals welfare at the time of transportation regarding with Concil Regulation (EC) 1/2005 requirements.

