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ANNUAL REPORT TO BE SENT TO THE COMMISSION ON DATA CONCERNING CHECKS ON ANIMAL WELFARE DURING TRANSPORT

With regard to the annual report to be sent to the Commission on data concerning checks on animal welfare during transport, we feel that the current model is difficult to complete and makes it difficult to process data. Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 requires Member States to submit an analysis of the main instances of non-compliance detected. However, it is very difficult to do this with the current reporting model.

This being the case, we think that it would be extremely useful if the Commission considered revising the model for annual reports, so as to create a document that is adapted to the requirements of Regulation 1/2005 and allows the Member States to take a more effective approach to the protection of animals during transport.

The data presented in the annual report of checks were sent by the regional services of the Directorate-General for Veterinary Medicine and refer to the checks carried out in 2008.

This document presents the Action Plan required under Regulation 1/2005.

ACTION PLAN

In the light of the outcome of the checks carried out in 2008 concerning the protection of animals during transport, an action plan was drawn up to address the instances of non-compliance detected.

This plan includes the following measures:

1. The scheduling of a follow-up meeting for the 2009 Animal Protection Plan, in order to discuss the monitoring reports sent by each DGV regional service in 2008, to prepare a report detailing the conclusions from these discussions and to draw up a series of future recommendations for completing these reports.
2. The preparation of a model report, in conjunction with the regional services, which brings together transport monitoring data, thus providing the information required by Regulation 1/2005.
3. The preparation and dissemination of leaflets on the transport of animals – documentation on transport, the conditions laid down for short and long journeys, and the handling, loading and unloading of animals.
4. The stepping up of transport checks at assembly centres and places of departure - 2009 Monitoring Plan.



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5. The stepping up of checks on the transport of animals during journeys – conclusion of a Protocol on Cooperation between the veterinary services and the police force (GNR-SEPNA).

6. The implementation of training activities on the checks to be carried out on the transport of animals. These measures are intended for technical staff of the veterinary services and police officers, with the aim of disseminating and improving the procedures involved in the checks carried out to monitor animal welfare during transport - Follow-up Plan for the 2009 Animal Protection Plan.