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**ANNUAL REPORT  
ON  
ANIMAL WELFARE CHECKS DURING TRANSPORT  
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Analysis of the major deficiencies detected and an action plan to address them:

The official control on animal welfare during transport has been carried out in accordance with the Annual plan for AW inspection. The plan is drafted on the basis of risk assessment, approved by the Central Competent Authority and has been implemented in the whole territory of the country.

In 2010, totally 63 inspections have been performed during transport by road, 10 834 at the point of final destination (including the inspections in slaughterhouses), 15 at animal markets, 872 at the point of loading for departure and 496 at the transfer points.

A total of 12 280 inspections have been carried out in the means of transport with totally 72 476 bovine, 303 251 pigs, 496 624 small ruminants, 1 835 equidae, 34 770 312 poultry and 193 other species. 6 534 documentary checks of the means of transport been carried out, with totally 12 601 bovine, 166 393 pigs, 456 499 small ruminants, 1 814 equidae, 20 536 716 poultry and 193 other species.

Within those inspections 58 infringements /deficiencies/ of AW rules during transport have been identified.

Compared to 2009, an increase of the number of the inspections carried out at the animal markets, at the point of loading for departure and at the transfer points and a decreased of the total number of the infringements of AW rules during transport.

However the most frequent infringements of animal welfare rules observed in 2010 are:

- Transport of animals in non approved transport means.
- Lack of veterinary movement documents.
- Lack of authorisation document for long journey.
- Incorrectly filled transporters diaries and incorrectly completed journey logs.

Totally 20 prescriptive acts have been issued and 30 acts (penalties) for administrative infringement have drawn up.

The following trainings have been carried out for the official veterinarians responsible for the control of animal welfare rules at regional levels in order to improve their knowledge about the AW requirements:

- Official control for AW rules during transport;
- Inspection and approval of transport means.
- Inspections of transport means in collaboration with the police.

-6-months Twinning Project titled "Strengthening of National Veterinary Service and Regional Veterinary Services capacity in enforcement and implementation of EU animal health and animal welfare legislation and standards in Bulgaria" was carried out in 2010. Under the project the training seminars on reporting of tachograms, transporters diaries and route plans for the detection of infringements concerning the requirements of Regulation 1/2005/EO were organized for the official veterinarians.

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