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**Report of Austria on inspections according to Art. 27 of Regulation (EC)  
No 1/2005 carried out in 2007**

Dear Dr. Gavinelli,

Please find enclosed the Austrian report on animal transport inspections carried out in 2007, according to Article 27 of the Regulation No 1/2005.

As provided in Article 27 (2) I would like to present an analysis of the major deficiencies detected and inform you about the actions planned to address them:

1. During the working group on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April the Commission provided the model for the reports on the protection of animals during transport. Austria would like to thank the Commission for this work. As the provided report model records many numbers of animals it does not comply with the Austrian system of data collection recording numbers of consignments. Therefore it's not possible to provide all the data as requested in the model.

Action to address this deficiency:

During the meeting the Commission asked member states to express their opinion and their experiences using the model. Austria would like to take

this opportunity and provide a written comment within the next days. Anyway it would be helpful to agree on a report model before the period of data collection begins, so that the Inspection staff can be informed in advance.

2. The percentage of infringements found by checks during transport on the road (27%) was much higher than at the place of destination (2%) and at markets, place of departure on transfer points (4%). We see that especially long distance journeys passing Austria frequently compromise the welfare of the animals transported more frequently.

Action to address this deficiency:

Measures were already taken within the Austrian Animal Transport Act: Every year a control plan has to be developed, coordinating the inspections of animal transports and including a minimum number of inspections to be executed. For 2008 the minimum number of inspections was increased and it was determined, that 10% of these inspections has to be carried out during transport by road.

For a better coordination of this "on the spot" inspections, a mandatory declaration of the "transit countries" in the electronic TRACES form would be very helpful. This would be an appropriate action to support "on the spot"-inspections to check that requirements of the Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 have been complied with.

3. The non compliance of the total expected duration of the journey, recorded in Section 1 Point 2 of the journey log, with the effective duration of the journey is one of the major detected deficiencies. It was observed in several cases, that it was impossible to finalize the journey in the expected duration and that the effective duration was longer than the maximum journey time provided in the Regulation No 1/2005.

Action to address this deficiency:

The Council Regulation No 1/2005 demands that all vehicles used for long journeys must be equipped with navigation systems from 1st January 2009. This system will be a helpful device for the inspection staff, under

the provision of a harmonisation of the specifications for the navigation systems. Therefore Austria would support every effort on finding an agreement on harmonized specifications acceptable for most Member States.

For the Minister:  
Mag. Ulrich Herzog

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signed electronically