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**Subject: Work plan for 2009**

In 2009 we plan to carry out 300 inspections of vehicles transporting live animals.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are grounds for optimism following the announcement of the recruitment of one official veterinarian in the second half of the year, which will permit shiftwork and lead to a significant improvement in the effectiveness of our work.

Instead of working for eight hours, as currently, we shall be able to be present continuously for 16 hours. Hauliers that transport animals will have far less chance of avoiding our checks.

Our working conditions are particularly arduous. We stop animal transport vehicles on the motorway using a luminous sign that is kept in the mobile unit's estate car. Often we do not have the possibility of selecting shipments for inspection.

We work in all weathers and at night, and we are assisted by the TRACES program, as it allows us to plan the work on a short-term basis.

When inspecting shipments of horses, attention is still focused on the procedures and the possibilities of watering the animals. At the same time, we are obliged to take action when equidae are not transported in individual boxes.

When all species of equidae, bovine animals, sheep, goats and pigs are transported, it is necessary to continue to check the supplementary conditions of vehicles for long journeys.

The verification of the qualifications of attendants is another of the key tasks of the work in 2009.

When we find that attendants are not familiar with the provisions of Regulation (EC) 1/2005, we impose misdemeanour measures on them.

Checks of shipments of unweaned animals are continuing despite the fact that it is not possible to take additional measures.

We are using the services of the Redič [Redics] staging post in order to carry out additional measures.

It is necessary to increase the number of inspections of shipments of bovine animals because the findings for such inspections in 2008 show frequent violations of the provisions of Regulation (EC) 1/2005 concerning the watering of animals en route, and to impose sanctions on attendants when they are the cause of animal suffering.

Pigs must have access to water for the entire duration of their journey when it exceeds eight hours. Risk analysis shows that it is necessary to increase the number of inspections of shipments of pigs on journeys that exceed eight hours, especially in the summer.

When carrying out inspections of shipments of sheep, it will be necessary to check, as well as the vehicle, its loading density, or rather all the conditions which must be provided for animals during transportation.

As we will be receiving a fourth inspector, we can plan joint measures with the other services that deal with checks on freight transport, especially checks on the domestic transportation of animals.

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