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Analysis of the major deficiencies detected and an action plan to address them:

In 2009, a total of 76 inspections have been performed during transportation, 16 176 at the point of final destination (including the inspections in slaughterhouses), 9 at animal markets, 217 at the point of loading for departure and 334 at transfer points.

A total of 16 812 inspections have been done, during which 60 276 bovine, 261 929 pigs, 576 496 small ruminants, 6 222 equidae, and 28 742 791 poultry have been checked. A total of 9 168 documentary checks have been done.

Within those inspections 82 infringements /deficiencies/ of AW rules during transportation have been identified, 17 prescriptive acts have been issued and 36 acts (penalties) for administrative infringement have drawn up. The other identified deficiencies have not been covered by relevant measures undertaken.

The most frequent infringements of animal welfare rules are lack of veterinary movement documents and lack of authorisation document, incorrectly filled transporters diaries and incorrectly completed journey logs.

In 2009, 4 notifications were received in National Veterinary Service (NVS) for violations of Bulgarian carriers transporting equine and small ruminants in particular vehicles which do not meet the requirements of Regulation 1/2005/EC, discrepancies between the number of animals in certificates and total number of animals actually present in the lorry, discrepancies between ID codes of the chips of animals and those stated in the certificates and infringement of the provisions for travel times and resting of animals.

2 notifications was made by NVS to contact points from the relevant Member States for infringements of Regulation 1/2005/EC in particular the provisions for travel times and resting of animals in control posts during long journeys in 2009.

According to the above mentioned infringements, the following measures were taken:

- Regional inspectors have been ordered to inform immediately the contact point at the HQ of NVS for found discrepancies concerning the protection of animals during transport.
- Discussions of the deficiencies with the association representatives of livestock dealers and transport companies have been held.
- In the beginning of 2010 the implementation of 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" has been started. This project foresees trainings of official veterinarians (incl. those operating at BIPs) in GPS systems and reading tachographs of transport vehicles used for long journeys with live animals.

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