

ANIMAL HEALTH AND PROTECTION SERVICES DIRECTORATE

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION CONTAINING THE DATA RELATING TO
THE CHECKS CARRIED OUT ON THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS DURING
TRANSPORT

In the course of the procedure for establishing the Portuguese data relating to the checks carried out on animals during transport, we encountered a number of difficulties (which were mentioned to the Commission at the appropriate time) in compiling the data in accordance with the model laid down for reports. The outcome is that partial data have been established which do not always relate to the specified objectives.

In view of these difficulties – which we are trying to overcome by seeking clarification regarding animal-transport operations and laying down suitable data-compilation procedures – an Action Plan must be drawn up pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004.

ACTION PLAN

Taking into consideration the results stemming from the checks carried out in 2009 on the protection of animals during transport, an Action Plan has been drawn up for dealing with instances of non-compliance. The measures referred to in the Action Plan have been incorporated into the 2010 Animal Protection Plan, which has been discussed with the regional divisions of the DGV [Directorate-General for Veterinary Matters] in the light of the results of the checks carried out in 2009. On this basis, amendments have been proposed to the 2010 Animal Protection Plan – essentially, courses of action intended to solve problems detected in 2009 and to improve the checks carried out in 2010 (Action Plan).

The measures proposed include in particular:

1. Stepping up checks on transport operations at destination (in the case of long-distance operations) and at assembly centres.
2. Adjustment of the frequency (specified in the Animal Protection Plan) with which checks are carried out on transport operations at slaughterhouses, taking into account the situation at each slaughterhouse (type of transporter, number of animals transported, the species involved, times at which animals arrive, etc). The regional divisions are to submit proposals for checks on specific slaughterhouses which will enable checks on transport operations to be carried out on those premises.
- 3- Stepping up checks on transport operations whilst on the road – Implementation of the Protocol on cooperation between veterinary services and police forces (GNR-SEPNA)