

Letter dated:

1 July 2010

From:

Permanent Representation of Denmark to the EU, Brussels
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To:

European Commission (DG SANCO)

**Subject: Random checks on means of transport and animals during transport
 in 2009**

Ref.: 400.L.4-8

We are attaching a letter and report forms, which we received on 30 June 2010, relating to random checks on means of transport and animals during transport in 2009.

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Letter dated:
30 June 2010

From:
Danish Ministry of Justice
(Civil and Police Department – Animal Welfare Office – Lisbeth Gro Nielsen)

To:
European Commission (DG SANCO)

**Subject: Random checks on means of transport and animals during transport
 in 2009**

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With reference to Article 27(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97, we are attaching the annual report concerning checks on means of transport and animals during transport in Denmark in 2009.

It is stated in Article 27(2) that the report must be accompanied by an analysis of the major deficiencies detected and an action plan to address them.

In this connection, we refer to our report on random checks in 2008, in which it is noted that a political agreement in the veterinary area was reached on 22 August 2008. This agreement, under which the sum of DKK 90.5 million has been allocated to the veterinary area for the period 2008-2012, consists of a total of 18 points, including better control of animal transport, an improvement in the quality of collection point checks in connection with animal transport, intensified inspections of sows for shoulder wounds, and more roadside checks.

We expect the content of the agreement to be implemented by the end of 2011.

As mentioned in our report on random checks in 2008, checks on animal transport must be stepped up significantly in line with the veterinary agreement. This includes, for example, an improvement in advance and follow-up checks of transport companies' logbooks by the regional veterinary and food control authorities, entailing preparation of an inspection protocol for use by those authorities.

Accordingly, guidelines for the regional veterinary and food control authorities' checks of transport companies' logbooks are currently being prepared and are expected to be sent out to the authorities in autumn 2010.

The veterinary agreement also requires the quality of checks at collection points in connection with animal transport to be improved, partly by spending more time on inspecting individual animals, and partly by changes to the organisation of collection points.

The rules on the organisation of collection points are found in the Justice Ministry's Order on this subject. In our report on random checks in 2008, we explained that we would draft amendments to the Order in collaboration with the Danish Veterinary and

Food Administration, with a view to their adoption in the course of 2009. Discussions are still going on as to the form the changes should take. We now expect an amending Order to be issued at the beginning of 2011.

As regards shoulder wounds in sows, it is recommended in a report from the Justice Ministry's working group on the subject that ante-mortem examinations of pigs at slaughterhouses be stepped up, so that all sows with serious shoulder wounds are registered. Implementation of the working group's recommendation is included in the veterinary agreement.

Up to now it has not been possible to register sows with serious shoulder wounds for want of a viable graduated scale which could be used by the control authorities for grading the seriousness of wounds. Such a scale is currently being devised. In the course of summer 2010 it will be tested and an assessment carried out of the clinical definition of the individual categories on the new scale.

As a matter of form, we would like to point out that until we receive more detailed information from the Commission on its requirements in terms of the content of the analysis and action plan referred to in Article 27(2) of the Regulation, we will continue to report on the basis of the present scheme, which the Commission previously proposed, and to describe relevant initiatives/changes in the field of animal transport in Denmark.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT

Member State:

DK Denmark

Year:

2009

Animals transported (in heads)		1 Bovine	2 Porcine	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic birds and rabbits	6 Other species	
a Slaughtered		487.611	19.388.259	92.060	2.863	100.726.042	2.845	
b Exported		21.691	8.515.172	9.150	4.702	37.259.091	106.993	
c Imported for breeding		1.234	605	1.088	4.148	3.577.876	18.903	
d Other animals transported		0	0	0	0	0	0	
a+b+c+d		510.536	27.904.036	102.298	11.713	141.563.009	128.741	
Number of inspections		In number of animals						
1 In means of transport		2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species	
a During transport by road	895	2.771	85.940	150	492	38.952	12.646	
b At the place of destination	554	2.574	51.101	0	0	54.500	0	
c1 At markets	170	224	20.431	0	0	0	0	
c2 At place of departure	68	0	29.264	0	0	3.000	4.000	
c3 At staging points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
c4 At transfer points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	1.687	5.569	186.736	150	492	96.452	16.646	
d Documents checks	2.476	2.935	51.986	21	337	54.532	17	
Number of infringements		In number of animals						
1 In means of transport		2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species	
a During transport by road	152	322	9.959	0	158	22.406	68	
b At the place of destination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
c1 At markets	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	
c2 At place of departure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
c3 At staging points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
c4 At transfer points	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
a+b+c1+c2+c3+c4	158	322	9.959	0	158	22.406	68	
d Documents checks	100	20	25	0	50	2	3	

RATIOS							
Percentage of heads inspected / transported %	All species	1 Bovine	2 Porcine	3 Small ruminants	4 Equidae	5 Domestic birds and rabbits	6 Other species
	0.00179793	1.09%	0.67%	0.15%	4.20%	0.07%	12.93%
Percentage of inspection by categories	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species
a During transport by road	53.05%	49.76%	46.02%	100.00%	100.00%	40.38%	75.97%
b At the place of destination	32.84%	46.22%	27.37%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c1 At markets	10.08%	4.02%	10.94%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c2 At place of departure	4.03%	0.00%	15.67%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c3 At staging points	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c4 At transfer points	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Percentage of infringements by categories	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species
a During transport by road	96.20%	100.00%	100.00%	#DIVISION/0!	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
b At the place of destination	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c1 At markets	3.80%	0.00%	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c2 At place of departure	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c3 At staging points	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
c4 At transfer points	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Percentage of infringements per inspections	1 In means of transport	In number of animals					
		2 Bovine	3 Porcine	4 Small ruminants	5 Equidae	6 Domestic birds and rabbits	7 Other species
a During transport by road	16.98%	11.62%	11.59%	0.00%	32.11%	57.52%	0.54%
b At the place of destination	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!
c1 At markets	3.53%	0.00%	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!
c2 At place of departure	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!	0.00%	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!
c3 At staging points	#####	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	0.00%	0.00%
c4 At transfer points	#####	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!	#DIVISION/0!
AVERAGE % per physical checks	9.37%	5.78%	5.33%	0.00%	32.11%	23.23%	0.41%
d Documents checks	4.04%	0.68%	0.05%	0.00%	14.84%	0.00%	17.65%