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## ANNEX B

### UK ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT 2012

#### **Breakdown of Enforcement Action Taken by the United Kingdom in 2012**

	<b>Total</b>
Oral Warnings	589
Written Warnings	238
Statutory Notices Issued	129
Home Office Cautions	7
Prosecutions	18

*Figures regarding enforcement action taken may relate to more than one infringement discovered during the same inspection.*

## ANNEX C

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No. 1/2005  
ANALYSIS AND ACTION PLAN ON UNITED KINGDOM'S 2012 REPORT ON  
ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Along with this Return of Enforcement Activity, Article 27 requires Member States to identify the major deficiencies found and an action plan to address them.

We do not have a United Kingdom wide database that identifies the specific deficiencies found in all compliance checks, although we are able to produce the annual report with some qualifications.

The enforcement data in our annual report is produced by the Animal Health Performance Team. The Performance team request the Animal Health Regional Offices together with all the Local Authorities in their area to submit a return on the numbers of Inspections, Infringements and Offences undertaken during 2012. This information is then collated together with information gather from a variety of sources throughout Defra. This is a time consuming exercise.

An analysis of Annex A shows that, excluding 90 documentary infringements, there were 1,115 (0.85% welfare non compliances out of 131,735 inspections. Looking at the reported enforcement actions taken, Annex B, and comparing with reported non-compliances in Annex A, no action was considered necessary in only 134 (12%) of the reported infringements. Of the remaining 981 infringements where some form of action was taken, 589 (53% of all infringements) were fairly minor cases requiring only oral warnings to be given, leaving 392 infringements warranting more formal action ranging from written warnings to (18) prosecutions. This more formal action represents just 1% of all inspections carried out.

Annex D is a breakdown of the reported numbers of compliance checks and non compliances for each Animal Health Regional Office in Great Britain and for Northern Ireland. This shows that the overall United Kingdom non compliance rate is low at only 0.88% compared with 1.63% in 2011. The number of individual offices with a Non Compliance rate of over 5% has also fallen from 19 in 2011 to 18 in 2012.

The offices which exceed 5% Non Compliance have indicated how they are addressing or will address reducing the non compliance rate below 5% for 2013 onwards.

The action taken by individual offices as follows:

1. All infringements dealt with will be backed up by checks to make sure the terms of any notices / warnings are being met along with oral advice to ensure future compliance.
2. These inspections relate to deliveries to the local slaughterhouse. There are a large number of vehicles making deliveries on a weekly basis. The local authority will continue to work with the OVS, the owner of the slaughterhouse and the hauliers to ensure the welfare of the sheep being delivered.

3. Our authority carries out monthly blue light stops with the Police on the A1. A high percentage of our checks are carried out on vehicles from outside our area. We also have two abattoirs on the county borders which attract farmers from two other counties. To look at reducing the infringement percentage, all non-compliances found on vehicles from outside our area are referred to the Local Authority in which they are based.

4. We will continue to inspect vehicles for compliance with legislation, and to provide proactive business advice to livestock keepers and market operators etc as appropriate.

5. Market / slaughterhouse / collection centre attracts people from out of county, they are often small holders with small amounts of stock who often do not meet the requirements of the regulations with their trailers i.e lack of side gates, use of horse boxes for livestock. They may only transport a few times a year so an officer advised them if witness a non-compliance. Most of the non-compliances are due to these smaller trailers and small holders. With the changes to AML2 people are now using the correct paperwork though those that do not transport often are advised of the changes. Animal Health officer will continue to educate hauliers, referring them to their Local Authorities if out of county.

Overall the enforcement actions taken under WATO in the UK resulted in 7 Home Office Cautions issued; 18 prosecutions initiated. The nature of the offences included –

1. Vehicle checked as part of police multiple agency transport. 147 calves travelling from Spain to 6 destinations Ireland. Driver not able to show that they have been rested, fed or watered.

2. Fitness to travel of animals

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