

Subject: Annual Report on non-discriminatory inspections of animals, means of transport and accompanying documents carried out pursuant to Article 27 of Regulation (EC)

In 2014, official veterinarians of territorial SFVSs carried out 8513 checks of means of transport containing animals: 6180 - at the place of destination. 57 - during transport by road and 2264 - at the place of departure and detected 37 infringements of protection of animals during transport. Under the Administrative Code of the Republic of Lithuania. 16 natural and legal persons were imposed fines at the total amount of 1500 LTL and 2 carriers had their activities suspended for the violation of legal acts on animal welfare.

Classification of infringements during transport of animals in 2014

Non conformity points	Number	Percentage
1. Suitability of animals for transport	3	8.10
2. Space and density	5	13.51
3. Ventilation	2	5.40
4. Design and maintenance of the means of transport	4	10.81
5. Separation of animals	2	5.40
6. Absence or non conformity of the journey log	10	27.02
7. Duration of transport and rest	4	10.81
8. Loading and unloading	3	8.10
9. Care and handling of animals	2	5.40
10.Others	2	4.40
Total:	37	100%

In 2014. the SFVS organized two meetings with official veterinary inspectors. At the meeting in April 2014, attention was drawn to irregularities detected during transport and instructions were given to implement and strengthen control of the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 with an emphasis on realistic planning and actual execution of long-time journeys and intervals for animal feeding, watering and resting, as well as ventilation, navigation and temperature control systems and space per animal. Practical Guidelines to assess the fitness of transport for adult bovines were distributed.

The organiser of training in Lithuania is the Training Centre for Continuing Education of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (former Lithuanian Veterinary Academy). The Centre organised and conducted training on the protection of animals during transport and related operations for drivers, attendants and animal handlers. The training consists of theoretical training performed in the classroom and practical training on a vehicle. The Centre also organised training courses for transporters and drivers. There were six groups and 128 participants in 2014.