

**Analysis of major deficiencies detected during the non-discriminatory inspections and action plan to address them  
as provided for in Article 27(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005**

**Member State** CZECH REPUBLIC  
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## **1. ANALYSIS OF THE MAJOR DEFICIENCIES DETECTED DURING THE NON-DISCRIMINATORY INSPECTIONS**

*For the purpose of this annual report, the following have been considered to be major deficiencies:*

In 2015, a total of 175 inspections on welfare of farm animals being transported within the territory of the Czech Republic were performed. Attention was focused again on the fitness of animals for transport, equipment and maintenance of vehicles and professional competence of persons and the length of the journey. In 12 inspections, non-compliances were found. In 8 cases penalties were imposed, in 6 cases suggestions for the administrative proceedings were submitted by regional veterinary administrations (RVA). Non-compliances concerned mainly transport of poultry. In 3 cases, the RVA inspectors participated in the investigation of an accident involving a road vehicle transporting pigs, chickens and fish in the Czech Republic. Among the most common deficiencies found at slaughterhouses was: fitness of animals (including injuries and deaths) and shortcomings in the accompanying documents.

The international transport of farm animals was checked in a similar manner. A total of 144 inspections were carried out. Inspections were focused on fitness of animals and equipment of transport vehicles as well as administrative duties (preparation and submission of the journey log; ensuring proficiency of personnel, carrying out transport by authorized transporter listed in veterinary certificate, etc.). At the same time 26 inspections have been conducted at the transporters headquarters. They were focused on planning of journeys and compliance with journey times (evaluation of records in journey logs and information from navigation systems). In 2 cases the RVA inspectors participated in the investigation of accidents of road vehicles transporting animals within intra-community trade, where several animals were killed on the spot and others were transported to slaughterhouses.

The most common reason for unplanned inspections were reports sent by competent authorities of other Member States, concerning Czech transporters or transport in the Czech Republic handled by foreign transporter. In these cases several non-compliances were addressed such as insufficient bedding, inappropriate partitions, discrepancies in journey log, inadequate feeding and watering, improper treatment of animals, etc.

A total of 106 inspections were carried out concerning road animal transport of companion animals intended for further breeding or sale (dogs, cats, ornamental fish, terrarium animals) and zoo animals. The inspections were focused on the conditions of animals, equipment of vehicles and competence of personell. In 2 cases non compliances were found. In the consignments dispatched in the Czech republic one report as regards non-compliance in dogs was sent by the competent authorities form other MS. As regards transport of companion animals, especially dogs, media (including foreign press) presented several cases of "illegal transport and sale of dogs". In such cases investigations had

## **2. ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE DEFICIENCIES DESCRIBED UNDER POINT 1.**

State Veterinary Administration (SVA) will analyze and evaluate the inspection programme. Based on various parameters, taking into account the results of previous inspections and knowledge of local specifics plan will be modified for specific workplace for the year 2015.

SVA will provide training for the RVA inspectors at regular meetings as regards better enforcement of the rules. SVA will promote participation of the RVA inspectors in the BTSF training programme.

SVA will put efforts to increase with the mutual communication with Member States contact points for animal transport and promote RVA

The checks will continue to be focused on international transport (e.g. transport of animals to Turkey) as well as transport of animals to local slaughterhouses.

Communication with transporters and organisers of the journeys will be supported by SVA with an emphasis on prevention.

More detailed information as regards inspection programme can be found in the Multiannual Control Plans Report for the year 2015.