

**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**

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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 2016, a total of 187 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, professional competence of persons and the length of the journey. In 14 inspections, non compliances were found. In 6 cases penalties were imposed, in 8 cases suggestions for the administrative proceedings were submitted by regional veterinary administrations (RVA). Non compliances concerned mainly transport of poultry and bovines. In 3 cases, the RVA inspectors participated in the investigation of an accidents involving a road vehicles transporting pigs and accident with train in case of bovines. 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 199 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.). In 9 inspections, non compliances were found. In 2 cases the RVA inspectors participated in the investigation of accidents of road vehicles transporting pigs and poultry within intra-community trade, where several animals (in case of pigs) 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 - national contact points, 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, inappropriate care. In 7 cases the reports were sent to relevant competent authorities of the foreign transporters (1 case of bovine transporter, 2 cases of pigs, 1 case of ostriches, 1 case of turkey chickens, 1 case of fish transport, 1 case of camel - ostriches, turkeys and fish are included in the last column of the table, camel was not included). Non compliances found and sent by NGOs (mainly in case of export to the third countries) were also investigated.

At the same time 48 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 43 cases approvals for vehicle for farm animals were issued or prolonged. In 58 cases other administrative checks were conducted in 2016 (e.g. when issuing expert opinions).

A total of 102 inspections were carried out concerning road animal transport of companion animals, mainly animals intended for further breeding or sale (dogs, cats, ornamental fish, terrarium animals) and transport of 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.

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

State Veterinary Administration (SVA) have analysed and evaluated the results of previous inspections. Taking into account local, national and international specifics and availability of staff, the inspection programme have beed modified for the year 2017.

SVA provides training for the RVA inspectors at regular meetings as regards better enforcement of the rules regarding transport of animals. SVA promotes participation of the RVA inspectors in the BTSF training programme and disseminate information from the meetings of the national contact points held in Grange, Ireland.

SVA puts efforts to increasethe mutual communication with national contact points and promotes RVA inspectors to communicate the cases of non-compliances found in the territory of the Czech Republic.

The checks will continue to be focused on international transport, especially transport of animals to third countries (Turkey).

Communication with transporters and organisers of the journeys is 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 2016 and bulletin Animal Welfare Programme for the year 2016.