Standard Summary Project Fiche

1. **BASIC INFORMATION**
   1.1 **CRIS Number:** 2003-004-995-03-04
   1.2 **Title:** Animal Protection during Transport
   1.3 **Sector:** Agriculture
   1.4 **Location:** Slovak Republic

2. **OBJECTIVES**
   2.1 **Overall Objective:**
   Animal welfare *acquis* enforced

   2.2 **Project purposes:**
   - Strengthening of the veterinary control of animal protection during transport
   - Establishment of data transmission system between veterinary inspectors executing the animal transport checks and the central register of transporters
   - Upgrading of the system of submitted route plan checks.

   2.3 **Accession Partnership and NPAA priorities:**
   **Accession Partnership**
   - Ensure alignment of veterinary and phyto-sanitary legislation;

   **NPAA 2001**
   - Complete information networks for veterinary and phytosanitary inspection, (…) computer systems

   2.4 **Contribution to National Development Plan:** N/A
   2.5 **Cross Border Impact:** N/A

3. **DESCRIPTION**
3.1 Background and justification:

The fulfillment of the animal welfare requirements and their enforcement are pre-requisites to be complied with by the Slovak Republic in the field of animal welfare.

The relevant EU legislation includes:

- Council Decision 78/923/EEC concerning the conclusion of the European Convention for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes;

The obligation to fulfill the legislative requirements laid down by the Council Directive 91/628/EEC on the protection of animals during transport and amending Directives 90/425/EEC and 91/496/EEC and relevant national legislation and acceptance of recommendations of the Food and Veterinary Office were raised in a recent report drafted by the EC Directorate-General for Consumer Protection. The lack of experience and the need to fully understand the implications of the EU legislation by local veterinary inspectors were highlighted. The Slovak Republic has not as yet developed ad-hoc training concerning the implementation of the relevant acquis communautaire.


3.2 Linked activities:

Phare project 99/IB/AG-02 - Harmonisation of Legislation for Marking, Registration and Identification of Animals - focused on registration and identification of animals only.

3.3 Results:

- System of judgement and control of the submitted route plans (Art. 5A of Council Directive 91/628/EEC) upgraded – interconnection of the commercial route plan programmes with the EU database of approved staging points in working;
- System of approving the suitability of means of transport intended for animal transportation and their licensing and labelling and ensuring easier, faster, proper and uniform performance of the animal welfare controls of transported animals; suitable means of transport for animal transportation ensured;
• Training system and training of some 240 veterinary inspectors (10 internships in one EU Member State and 230 to be trained in Slovakia) in relevant animal welfare tasks performed;
• Data transmission system connected to the register of transporters by mobile telephone (SMS) allowing real time control of the registration of the transporter and to record the result of control from the place of performance; the system will also allow the collection of data necessary for reporting the results of control activities.

3.4. Activities:

The Phare assistance includes a twinning light arrangement, two service contracts and one supply contract. The following activities are foreseen:

1) Prepare and put in place the upgraded system of route plan checks and of data transmission, allowing the connection to the register of transporters by mobile telephone (SMS) allowing immediate verification of the registration of the transporter, and to record results of the control from the place of its execution.

2) Evaluate approving system of the suitability of means for animal transportation being connected to licensing and labelling of approved means of transport; supply software and hardware for issuing licences and labels of suitability of means of transport.

3) Design a training programme and deliver training to about 10 trainers, who will participate in internships for one week in a Member State. A "train the trainers" approach will be implemented with some 230 additional veterinary inspectors operating at the local level of the veterinary and food administration and in the slaughterhouses benefiting of training.

4) Evaluate the instruction manuals for a consistent implementation of the relevant legislation.

5) Procure software and hardware:
   a) for data transmission system to the central register of transporters (software),
   b) to upgrade control system of the submitted and returned route plans (software),
   c) to issue licences and labels of suitability of the means of transport for animal transport (software and hardware).

6) Supply IT equipment
MEANS

Twinning light

The twinning light arrangement foresees one EU Member State expert with the following qualifications:

- Proven experience in lecturing; in drafting instruction manuals and other teaching aids
- Graduated in animal welfare/Information Technology or any other relevant subject
- Experience in relevant fields (animal welfare/IT)
- Excellent command in written/spoken English

The expert should 1) evaluate the current situation and review the instructions manuals as appropriate; 2) monitor the progress made and 3) design a training programme and deliver the training. In this respect, he/she may be supported by additional short-term experts, if deemed necessary.

At least 10 inspectors will benefit of an internship in a EU Member State.

Services contracts

1. Expert IT (transmission data expert) - 4 man/months
   - At least five year experience in software development and evaluation of transmission data and recommendations
   - Experience in training activities
   - Excellent command of written/spoken English

2. Expert IT (up-grade control system of the submitted and returned route plans) - 4 man/months
   - At least five year experience in evaluation and development of software enabling communication between two different software systems
   - Experience in training activities
   - Excellent command of written/spoken English

3. Expert IT (hardware and software of printing technics) - 0.5 man/month
   - Five year experience in evaluation of hardware for printing technics and evaluation and development of software enabling using of the mentioned hardware and recommendations
   - Excellent command of written/spoken English

4. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

The overall responsibility for veterinary control and animal welfare is with the Ministry of Agriculture, which has authorized the State Veterinary and Food Administration (SVFA) to carry out the project. Project activities will be co-ordinated by the Programme Implementation Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The State Veterinary and Food Administration of the Slovak Republic is subordinated to the Section of Agriculture, Food Industry and Trade of the Slovak Ministry of Agriculture. It
consists of the Central Office, 8 Regional Veterinary and Food Administrations and 40 District Veterinary and Food Administrations, which are in charge of animal welfare control.

5. DETAILED BUDGET (€ Million)

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* The Slovak government will fully finance (through the 2004 state budget) the investment component of this project (supply of hardware for printing the "certificates of suitability" of the means for animal transport)

6. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

6.1. Implementing Agency:

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6.3 Non-standard aspects

Twinning manual and the Practical Guide to Phare, ISPA, and SAPARD Implementation will be strictly followed.

6.4 Contracts

Twinning light: 0.12 MEUR
Service contract: 0.18 MEUR
7. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Call for Proposal: 2nd Quarter 2003
Start of Tendering: 1st Quarter 2004
Start of Project Activities: 1st Quarter 2004
Project Completion: 4th Quarter 2004

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

Equal opportunity principles and practices in ensuring equitable gender participation in the project will be guaranteed, particularly as regards to selection of trainees for the training programme, where a balanced distribution of positions/places will be sought.

9. ENVIRONMENT: N/A

10. RATES OF RETURN: N/A

11. INVESTMENT CRITERIA:

11.1 Catalytic Effect:
The project seeks for improving and strengthening the animal welfare during transport controls by regular controls of means of transport in time of approving their suitability, plans of the journeys and by proper, easier and uniform control of animal transports with immediate recording of results of those controls in Slovakia. Phare support will clearly accelerate the enforcement of the relevant acquis.

11.2 Co-financing: N/A

The Slovak Government will co-finance the investment component of the project with at least 25 percent of the total investment costs.

11.3 Additionality

The Phare intervention does not displace other financiers.

11.4 Project readiness and Size

The project will improve the use of the already established central register of transporters, the route plans checks by interconnection of the commercial programmes with EU database of approved staging points and established means of transport checks before intended journey.

11.5 Sustainability

Relevant policies and regulations of the Slovak Government ensure that all activities funded under the scheme will yield results that comply with the European Union norms and standards. The governmental funding of the operation and maintenance of the project is ensured.

11.6 Compliance with state aids provisions: N/A
11.7 Contribution to National Development Plan: N/A

12. CONDITIONALITY AND SEQUENCING:

Sequencing will be in line with the implementation schedule presented in Annex II.
Annexes to the Project Fiche

1. Logical framework matrix in standard format

2. Detailed implementation chart

3. Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter for full duration of programme (including disbursement period)

4. List of relevant Laws and Regulations
## LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX FOR PROJECT

**Programme name and number:** 2003-004-995-03-04  
**Animal Welfare SK03xx**

**Contracting period expires:** 30.11.2005  
**Disbursement period expires:** 30.11.2006  
**Total budget:** € 0.31 Million  
**Phare budget:** € 0.3 Million

### Animal Protection during Transport

#### Overall objective:
- Animal welfare acquis enforced

#### Objectively verifiable indicators:
- Improved rating in Regular Reports and Joint Assessment in all areas covered by the Project.

#### Sources of Verification:
- Screening reports
- Country reports prepared by the Commission

#### Project Purpose

- Strengthening of the veterinary control of animal welfare during transport
- Establishment of data transmission system between veterinary inspectors executing the animal transport checks and central register of transporters
- Upgrading of the system of submitted route plan checks.

#### Objectively verifiable indicators:
- Harmonized Slovak legislation published
- Results of control of the state veterinary activities on the regional and district veterinary and food administrations

#### Sources of Verification:
- Slovak Collection of Laws;
- Reports of official control missions;
- Ad-hoc Audit Reports;
- Regular SVFA surveillance monitoring.

#### Assumptions:
- Acquis not covered by the project properly harmonized in time
- Veterinary inspectors are retained in positions for which they were trained of the surveillance institutions adhere to their tasks;
- National co-finance available for completing the equipment of the animal welfare surveillance institutions and for their intended operation

### Results:

- System of approving the suitability of means of transport intended for animal transportation and their licensing and labelling and ensuring easier, faster, proper and uniform performance of the animal welfare controls of transported animals in operation; suitable means of transport for animal transportation ensured;
- Training system and training of some 240 veterinary inspectors in relevant animal welfare tasks reached;
- Data transmission system allowing connection to the register of transporters by mobile telephone (SMS) to verify registration of the transporter in the real time of control and to record the result of control from the place of performance in working; the system allowing also picking up data necessary for reporting the control activities and results of controls.

#### Objectively verifiable indicators:
- System of judgement and control of the submitted route plans installed and interconnected the route plan programme with EU database of approved staging points;
- System of approving of the suitability of means of transport for animal transportation and licensing and labelling in operation;
- Data transmission systems installed and operational;
- Training system introduced and 240 inspectors trained in animal welfare issues.

#### Sources of Verification:
- Report of twinning light experts
- Regular Progress Report Meetings held
- Audit Reports.

#### Assumptions:
- Veterinary inspectors apply animal welfare methods and procedures, and training results
- Project is adequately funded
### Activities:

1) Prepare and put in place the upgraded system of route plan checks and that of data transmission, allowing connection to the register of transporters by mobile telephone (SMS) to verify registration of the transporter in the real time of control and to record results of control from the place of its execution.

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3) Design a training programme and provide training to about 10 trainers, who will participate in internships for one week in a Member State. The trainers will subsequently train 230 veterinary inspectors operating at the local level of the veterinary and food administration and in the slaughterhouses.

4) Evaluate instruction manuals for uniform execution of relevant legislation.

5) Technical assistance:
   a. data transmission system to central register of transporters (software).
   b. upgraded control system of the submitted and returned route plans (software).
   c. issued licences and labels of suitability of the means of transport for animal transportation (software and hardware).

### Means

- One Twinning Light Arrangement
- Two service contracts
- One supply contract *(to be fully financed by the Slovak government)*

The twinning light arrangement will include the services of two EU member states experts who should have the following qualifications:
- Capability and appropriate authority to lecture; experience in drafting instruction manuals and other teaching aids
- Experience in relevant fields (animal welfare/IT related)
- Excellent command of written/spoken English

### Assumptions

- Qualified staff assigned to the training provided by the project
- Well-arranged study stays abroad
- Properly designed technical specifications
- Adopted and implemented legislation complied with EU

### Preconditions

- Equipment to be timely purchased by the relevant Slovak authorities
Animal Protection during Transport

Detailed Implementation Chart

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## ANNEX 3

**Contracting and disbursement schedule by quarter**

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List of relevant Laws and Regulations

**EU regulations** (the below mentioned legislation has been transposed, or will have been transposed by the date of the Slovak republic joining the European Union)

By the adoption of the Act No. 488/2002 Coll. on veterinary care a space for setting the requirements in the veterinary field was created, thus enabling the full transposition of the EU veterinary legislation and its subsequent full implementation in the Slovak Republic.

**Governmental ordinance**