Transport Enforcement Problems

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Journey log deficiencies

- Sometimes no journey log for journeys >8h
- Important parts of journey log often left blank
- Some authorities accept journey logs with unrealistically short estimated journey times
- as a result the rest stops that are obligatory for long journeys are neither planned nor carried out
- Authorities should verify journey time is realistic by checking it on computer program



Unrealistically short estimated journey times animals do not get 24h mid-journey rest

FVO report on France, 2009

 Authorities approve short estimated times for cattle to Sicily & Greece & pigs to Sicily

FVO report on Belgium, 2009

Journey logs examined from different countries were deficient, incomplete & unrealistic

FVO report on Poland, 2010

Authorities approve short estimated times for calves to Italy

Two FVO reports on Spain, 2010

 Authorities regularly approve unrealistic estimated times – in some cases actual journey 3 times longer than indicated in log

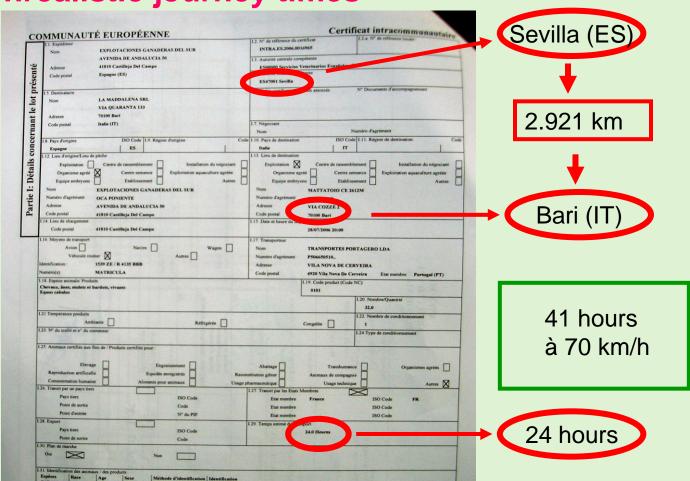
FVO report on Lithuania, 2010

 "officials reviewing journey logs had failed to ensure that they were realistic for the proposed journeys"



Violations observed on route Spain-Italy

Unrealistic journey times

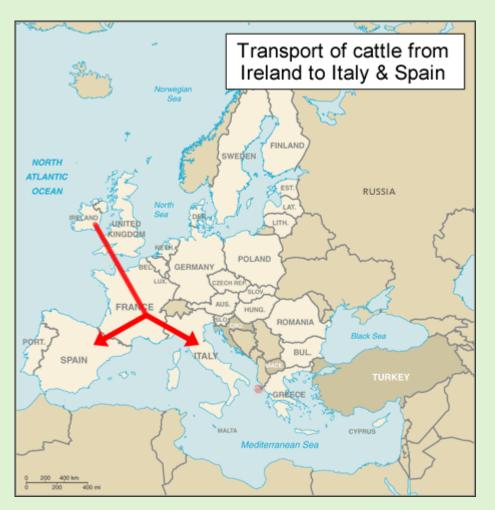


No unloading of animals planned, horses to stay on board for 41 hours!

Failure to give food, water & rest

- Requirement often ignored to give animals food, water & 24h rest after 24h travel (pigs, horses), 28h travel (cattle, sheep), 18h travel (unweaned)
- Sometimes no rest break at all
- Sometimes rest much shorter than required by 1/2005
- FVO, 2009: animals rested <24h in the case of 44 of the 55 consignments stopping at French control post
- FVO, 2009: calves arriving in Belgium after long journey from other Member States sometimes get just 1h rest prior to reexport





FVO reports & NGO trails show EU legislation on rest, food & water often ignored during these journeys

Young Irish calves should be given 12h rest on arrival in northern France. Often given nor rest or just 3h rest



Permitted stocking density often exceeded

- Overcrowding particularly harmful when combined with inadequate ventilation, water deprivation & high summer temperatures
- FVO Belgium, 2009: recurrent overstocking during poultry transport tolerated by CCA





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Insufficient headroom







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Inadequate drinking devices

- Water tanks sometimes empty
- Drinking devices sometimes fail to function
- Calves & lambs not accustomed to nipples used on many trucks & do not know how to activate them
- Drinking devices often installed on only one side of truck – many animals cannot get to them
- Sometimes nipples too high for lambs to reach



Unfit animals frequently transported

- FVO Bulgaria, 2009: unfit animals being transported
- FVO France, 2009: transport of unfit animals continues to be a serious problem in France
- FVO Lithuania, 2010: transport of unfit animals to slaughter
- FVO Spain, 2010: many cows with serious injuries & arthritic lambs transported to slaughter
- FVO Spain, 2010: actions of CA "still not sufficient to deter" transport of unfit animals



Penalties

- Must by law be "effective, proportionate and dissuasive"
- Often no penalties imposed
- When imposed, often too low to be dissuasive
- Some Member States have no effective powers to impose penalties on transporters from other Member States



Need for effective liaison between Member States

- Regulation 1/2005 requires countries of transit or destination, when they
 find breaches of the law, to report them to the country of departure so
 that it can take steps to prevent recurrence
- FVO France 2009: on a number of occasions France has failed to reply to requests for information by Italy
- FVO France 2009: failure to inform other Member States of noncompliances
- FVO Spain 2010: inadequate follow-up of complaints from other Member States
- Countries of departure and of destination should establish clear arrangements with each other under which the destination authorities notify breaches to departure authorities

