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Commission of the European Communities

Attn: Secretary-General

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Request for formal opinion

Animal transport – Requirement for presence of a veterinarian during loading

Dear Sir,

Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport stipulates that for long journeys of certain animal species between Member States and with third countries a journey log (as set out in Annex II to the Regulation) must be drawn up.

The form foreseen by section 2 of Annex II to the regulation requires the veterinarian at the place of departure to sign the following declaration:

"I, veterinarian, hereby declare that I have checked and approved the loading of the animals mentioned above. According to my knowledge, at the time of departure, the animals were fit for transport and the means of transport and the transport practices were in accordance with the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005."

From this declaration it is evident that the presence of a veterinarian during loading operations and departure is mandatory for journeys, which demand a journey log.

Animals' Angels would like to point out that many problems observed in animal transportation (loading of animals not fit for transport, inadequate transport practices, inadequate means of transport) could be avoided, if transports were properly checked at the time of loading. The presence of a veterinarian at the time of loading would help ensure that only adequate transports are authorized.

Despite the clear wording of the Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 there seems to be some doubts regarding the pertinent provision among some stakeholder.

Therefore Animals' Angels kindly asks the Commission services for a formal opinion on the question:

Is the presence of a veterinarian during loading operations and at the time of departure mandatory for animal transports requiring a journey log under Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005?

Yours sincerely,

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