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**Betreff:** Request for formal opinion - Minimum space requirements for horses

Dear Andrea,

I am writing to you regarding the minimum space requirements for young horses on journeys over 48 hours.

### **1. Calculation of journey time in connection with determining the minimum space for young horses**

Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 (Annex I, chapter VII) requires a minimum space of 2,4m<sup>2</sup> for young horses (6-24 months) for journeys over 48 hours.

The definition of "journey" (Art. 2, letter j) of Reg. 1/2005 is the following:

*"Journey means the entire transport operation from the place of departure to the place of destination, including any unloading, accommodation and loading occurring at intermediate points in the journey."*

A control post in an intermediate point in the journey.

**I understand that consequently when calculating if the journey exceeds 48 hours the time the animals are unloaded at a control post (24 hours) has to be included.**

The FVO shares this view as it becomes obvious on page 9 of the attached mission report to Poland. (The FVO states that for a 60 hour journey to Italy the young horses should have been granted a space of 2,4m<sup>2</sup> - the mentioned 60 hour journey certainly included 24 hours of unloading at a control post). I asked an official of the FVO for confirmation, which I received.

### **2. Minimum measurements (length and width) for size of individual stall**

In addition to the minimum space requirements Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 indicates the required width and length (in the case of young horses on journeys over 48 hours 1,2m x 2m are required – see extract from the Regulation above).

**I understand that these two measurements are also to be regarded as minimum measurements;** in other words, if the length of the stall is, for example 2,5m, the width of the stall must still be at least 1,2m.

I kindly ask you to let me know, if you consider my viewpoint on these two aspects to be correct.

With best regards,

Christine

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