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Betreff: Water supply for horse transported by road

Dear Mr. Goodacre,

before sending a formal request, I would like to ask you for your informal opinion regarding the water supply for horse transported by road on journeys exceeding 8 hours.

Annex I, Chapter IV (Additional provision for journeys exceeding 8 hours), point 2 of Regulation 1/2005 stipulates that water tanks "*must be connected to drinking devices within the compartments*". Furthermore it is required that "*The means of transport (...) shall be equipped with a water supply that makes it possible for the attendant to provide water instantly whenever it is necessary during the journey, so that each animal has access to water.*"

Horses are required to be transported in individual stalls for journeys over 8 hours. Therefore in my opinion it is legally required that there is a drinking device installed in each of the compartments, which is connected to the water tank i.e. one automatic drinking device for each horse. (This does not mean that the water system must be constantly turned on, but that it is possible to turn it on instantly so that each animal can drink the necessary amount of water.)

I kindly ask you to let me know, if you share my view.

In practice we observe horse transports over 8 hours, which are only equipped with mobile buckets, i.e. those are not connected to the water tank and it is not possible to provide enough water instantly to all horses. Furthermore since this "method" requires time and effort, it is questionable that the horses are being watered every 8 hours.

Thank you very much in advance for your advice, which is most appreciated.

Kind regards,

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P.S. I am attaching an FVO mission report to Lithuania from 2007. On page 10 the mission team criticises that a lorry was approved even though the water tanks were not connected to watering devices.