# BTSF Better Training for Safer Food *Initiative*

## Animal welfare during transport (basic level)
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# BTSF Situation

A load of 68 heifers was expected to arrive **from Denmark to Greece.**

The transportation was planned to be carried out by **two long-distance journey vehicles** and the consignment was expected to arrive at the farm. The farmer was waiting in the farm for the unloading of the consignment.

When the load arrived, the farmer realised that **16 of 68 heifers had severe injuries**, almost fatal in one case that happened during transportation. All of the injured animals were loaded on the **upper deck of the first truck**. The symptoms were: open wounds located from tarsus to hoofs covered by seropurulent secretions and blood, pain and lameness, while one animal was recumbent and unable to rise or to walk. There was also wrist and ankle swelling in a few animals.

The farmer called the official veterinarian to check and examine the animals.

The **driver of the truck threw all the documents and left** without waiting the veterinarian to come and check the load.

The traffic police was informed of the incident and tried unsuccessfully to find and stop the driver.

What would be your actions as an official veterinarian?

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## Comments and remarks

1. Fresh lesions – something happened in **one** of the trucks
2. Something wrong with the floor? → would be best to find and see the truck (sharp edges?)
3. Transporter – if saw the problem – find a solution – control post/call the vet/

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# BTSF Solutions

1) Check the animals
2) Instruct the farmer to contact veterinarian (euthanasia/treatment)
3) Try to understand what happened / find the evidence
4) Use data systems (TRACES?)
5) Inquire about the Transporter from Competent Authority

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6) Report to Competent Authority – about the Transporter
7) Sanctions against the involved parties

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# Thank you

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