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Animal welfare during transport (basic level)
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Group n. 2 – Transport of the horses

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Short description of the case

1. ´Transport of the 16 broken (domesticated) horses transported to slaughter from France to Italy (697km)
2. Forced stop at the motorway due to breakage of the lateral door, and 1 horse was jumped out.
3. The police arrived and asked for the vet
4. No horses were injured
5. Duration time is 8 hurs (jr.log), but almost 5 h 97 min

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1. Absence of the print of temperature as well as the navigation system (temperature during the transportation were up to 34 degree). Section 1 of journal log is not properly completed.
2. (Absence of Contingency plan)
3. Expected time is probably not corresponded to that states in journey log. Because the truck was no coming to destination place, the time of arrival was not taken into account. The first animal loaded at 13.00, and due to tachograph disk – we have another 3 hours.
4. According to the license: 18 m2 – suitable for only 10 horses. According to the case – 16 horses.
5. The door of the truck is broken and they use the rope instead of the lock (is it an infringement in case of emergency?). But not proper conditions of the doors /locks before journey start?
6. No partitions between the each horse.
7. No water supplies due to thermal conditions
8. The broken horses must wear halters during transport (Chapter III of annex, 1.11.)

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Actions to be taken

1. Inform the CA
2. Check for the condition of the horse that escaped (if catched)
3. Control for the horses are given the water.
4. The possible ban for further transport of the animals. But for emergency case: allow the driver to move the horses to nearest control post/slaughterhouse and then make sanctions against the transporter. The motorway must be cleared as soon as possible.
5. Check of Contingency Plan if available.

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Comments & Remarks

1. This journey should not been started.
2. All of the doors/locks must be checked properly prior uploading and departure.
3. Presence of all needed equipment must be checked before departure (partitions, halters on broken horses)

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Thank you

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