



## **BTSF on animal welfare during transport. June 2014 Nova Gorica**

Comparative assessment of FVO inspections in EU with reference to animal welfare standards during transport and initiatives to improve compliance

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# Presentation Themes

**What is the FVO?**

**What does it do?**

**Results of comparative assessment of FVO audits on animal welfare during transport**

**Ongoing EU Commission initiatives to improve implementation of official controls on animal welfare during transport**

# The FVO (1)

- Verifies compliance with EU legislation/standards on food and feed safety, food quality, animal health, animal welfare, plant health, medical devices, active pharmaceutical ingredients
- Active in Member States, candidate countries, and in third countries exporting or wishing to export to the EU

## The FVO (2)

- Health and Consumers DG – Directorate F - FVO
- $\pm 173$  staff
- Carries out  $\pm 250$  audits per year, 1/3 in third countries
- Reports are published and available at:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/fvo/index_en.htm)



# FVO Structure

## **7 Units:**

- *5 audit units organised on a sectoral/thematic basis:*
  - F2: Food of animal origin: mammals
  - F3: Food of animal origin: birds and fish
  - F4: Plant health, food of plant origin and food quality
  - F5: Animal nutrition, import controls, health protection
  - F6: Animal health, animal welfare
- *2 horizontal units:*
  - F1: Country profiles, co-ordination of follow-up
  - F7: Operational and administrative affairs

## FVO – What does it do?

Carries out **audits** of Member States and third countries

**Reports** (publicly) on its findings

Makes **recommendations** to competent authorities to address identified shortcomings

**Follows up** on the recommendations and corrective actions announced/undertaken by CA

Contributes to **policy development** and management within the Commission

New initiatives to improve implementation of EU legislation

# Comparative Assessment of FVO audits on AWDT

Between 2011 and 2013, 27 FVO audits on AWDT

Audits followed up previous recommendations

CA Action Plans to address FVO recommendations

Historical recommendations by Theme

# Recommendations of FVO Audits

Austria

Vehicle  
Approval

Belgium

Vehicle  
Approval

Checks on  
Transport

Bulgaria

Vehicle  
Approval

Checks on  
Transport

Staff Training



# Recommendations of FVO Audits

Czech  
Republic

Checks on  
Transport

Staff Training

France

Vehicle  
Approval

Transporter  
Authorisation

Control Posts

Germany

Vehicle  
Approval

# Recommendations of FVO Audits

Greece

Checks on  
Transport

Hungary

Vehicle  
Approval

Transporter  
Authorisation

Checks on  
Transport

Italy

Vehicle  
Approval

Transporter  
Authorisation

Checks on  
Transport

# Recommendations of FVO Audits

Latvia

Checks on  
Transport

Lithuania

Checks on  
Transport

Luxembourg

Transporter  
Authorisation

Checks on  
Transport

# Recommendations of FVO Audits

Malta

Checks on  
Transport

The  
Netherlands

Poland

Checks on  
Transport

Staff Training

# Recommendations of FVO Audits

Portugal

Checks on  
Transport

Romania

Vehicle  
Approval

Transporter  
Authorisation

Checks on  
Transport

Slovakia

Vehicle  
Approval

Transporter  
Authorisation

Checks on  
Transport

# Recommendations of FVO Audits

Slovenia

Livestock  
Vessel  
Approval

Checks on  
Transport

Sweden

Transporter  
Authorisation

Vehicle  
Approval

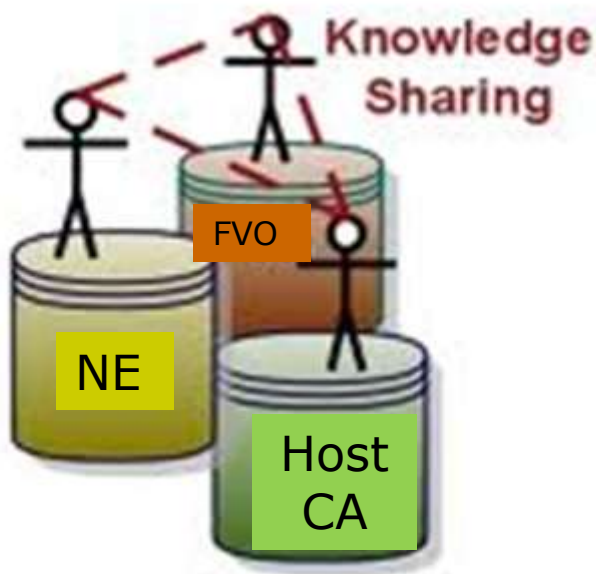
Checks on  
Transport

# Report to the EU Parliament and the Council

- **Enforcement of Regulation 1/2005 remains a major challenge**
- **An amendment of the Regulation would not be appropriate**
- **Commission to facilitate increased co-operation and communication with the CAs of the Member States**



# Ongoing Commission Initiatives



Series of FVO study visits on animal welfare during transport

Twice yearly meetings of NCPs for AWDT in FVO

MSAWN database (Member States' Animal Welfare Network)

Network Documents



# Study Visits: to share good practices on official controls of animal welfare during transport



Hosts 2013 = UK, NL, AT, PL,  
DE, IT, DK

Hosts 2014 = IE, FR, SI

NEs = BG, RO, PL, HU, IT, ES,  
EL, FR, HR, SI,



# Sharing information on?

Austria

UK

Working  
Instructions

Vehicle  
Approval

Roadside  
checks

Driver  
Training

Assembly  
Centre

Enforcement



# Sharing information on?

The Netherlands

Vehicle approval

Assembly Centre

SNS/JLs

Roadside checks

# Sharing information on?

Germany

Vehicle approval

Assembly Centre

SNS/JLs

Roadside checks

# Sharing information on?

Denmark

Enforcement

Checks on Journey logs

Driver Training

# Sharing information on?

Poland

Italy

Departure  
Checks

Transit  
Checks

Assembly  
Centre

Training

CA  
cooperation

# Sharing information on?

Slovenia

Mobile Unit

Exit point

Sanctions

# Sharing information on?

France

Transit Checks

Assembly Centre



# National Contact Point Meetings on animal welfare during transport

Objective: Discuss Problematic Issues

Spread Good Practice and solutions

Sub-groups also involved in drafting Network Documents



# **MSAWN- Member States Animal Welfare Network**

FVO Initiative

Database on COMM CIRCABC platform

Communicating good practice

Available to Competent Authorities

# Network Documents

MS Documents, facilitated by COMM (FVO)

Consensus Documents

Promote uniform implementation of legislation

Guidance, but non-binding



## The conclusions so far..

Audits not the only tool for increasing compliance with EU Legislation

No revision to 1/2005 planned therefore complementary methods to improve compliance laid out in Commission's Animal Welfare Strategy

## The conclusions so far..

Following the study visits NEs' CVOs/Heads of service have indicated they are developing certain aspects of their own controls on the basis of the knowledge shared through the study visit.

Network documents useful tool for developing agreed consensus among Member States.

# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

**Further information on animal welfare topics can be found at:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/index_en.htm)