

**Question for written answer E-003760/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Enforcement of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 - fines for veterinarians who approve deficient journey logs

Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 requires that animals transported for more than eight hours from one country to another be accompanied by a journey log. The journey log shall, among other things, contain details of the planning of the journey, i.e. the estimated journey time and the scheduled 24 hour rest stops at control posts if the length of the journey so requires. Furthermore, Article 14 of the Regulation requires the competent authority, i.e. the veterinarian at the place of departure, to verify that the journey log indicates planning which 'is realistic and indicates compliance with this Regulation'. Only if the outcome of this verification is satisfactory is the competent veterinarian allowed to stamp the journey log and by doing so approve the transport.

Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) inspection reports published in 2009 and 2010 concerning 16 missions to 12 Member States, as well as various reports by NGOs, show that officials in the Member States often do not properly check on journey logs. In particular:

- Member State authorities accept journey logs with unrealistically short estimated journey times; as a result the obligatory rest stops for very long journeys are neither planned nor carried out;
- important parts of the journey log are often left blank, despite which officials stamp it as being satisfactory.

Obviously, the approval of journey logs with deficient planning of the transport has very negative consequences on the protection of animals during transport.

1. Does the Commission know if the individual EU Member States have established fines applied to veterinarians who approve deficient journey logs? If so, can the Commission inform Parliament what fines are incurred for this violation in the 27 Member States?
2. If the answer to the above question is yes, does the Commission have information about the number of fines applied in practice in the Member States to veterinarians who have approved deficient journey logs?