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to the Commission**

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Subject: Long-distance transport of unbroken horses

Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 forbids the transport of unbroken horses on journeys exceeding eight hours. These young horses cope even less well than older horses with the stress of long journeys.

However, investigations and checks carried out over the years have shown that the vast majority of horses transported from Spain to Italy for the purpose of being slaughtered are unbroken. This transport is authorised by the authorities at the places of departure in Spain, in violation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005. Checks carried out by the authorities in Italy (country of destination) and France (transit country) are wholly insufficient. For example, in 2009 no sanctions were applied in Italy in respect of unbroken horses transported on long journeys from Spain, and in 2010 only three sanctions were imposed.

How does the Commission intend to rectify this systematic and ongoing failure by the Spanish, Italian and French authorities to enforce Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005?