

TRANSPORT OF PIGLETS
from The Netherlands to Greece
Oktober 2006: 263 piglets died during transport

Transport company: Janssen Koningsbosch
Transport from: Herten/NL to Kilkis/ GR
Journey length: 2.165 km (+ ferry time minimum of 12 hours)

I. INFORMATION from the Veterinary Service in Kilkis

On the 5th of Oktober (acc. Health Cert. 13:00 o'clock) the transport company **Janssen Koningsbosch (lic.pl.no. BS-GV-67/WR-VX-48)** loaded 800 piglets in 6049 GV Herten/NL and transported them via Germany, Austria and Italy to Kilkis in Greece. The transport arrived in Kilkis on the 7th of Oktober, around midnight. The importer informed the Veterinary Service of Kilkis about the fact, that hundreds of animals died during transport.

The Veterinary Service of Kilkis investigated the incident on the 8th of Oktober. According to their Report, the animals **died of suffocation**. Due to the report, the driver stated, that the ventilation system failed during the sea journey on a roll-on-roll-off ferry. We did not understand, if the ships ventilation system failed to work or the vehicles ventilation system.

Additionally the transport was not accompanied by a Route plan. Given the **journey time of 59 hours** and the **distance of 2.165 km** (ADAC Route plan) between Herten and Kilkis, **plus ferry time of 12 hours** it must be presumed that the animals were not unloaded and rested for the required 24 hours during the journey.

1. Information taken from the Health Certificates:

The transport consisted of 2 "consignments" of 300 piglets with Health Cert.No 0000290 3 and 500 piglets with Health Cert.No 0000 736 9.

Number of health certificates:	Not indicated	Not indicated
Number of local reference:	00007365	00002903
Number of animals:	500	300
	piglets of 10 weeks, RAS NL-Hybride	piglets of 10 weeks, RAS NL-Hybride
Transporter:	Janssen Koningsbosch, Molenweg 73, 6104 RH Koningsbosch	Janssen Koningsbosch, Molenweg 73, 6104 RH Koningsbosch
Lic.plate no of vehicle:	BS-GV-67/ WR-VX-48	BS-GV-67/ WR-VX-48
Exporter/ Sender:	Janssen Koningsbosch, Molenweg 73, 6104 RH Koningsbosch	Janssen Koningsbosch, Molenweg 73, 6104 RH Koningsbosch
Importer/ Buyer:	Cypromix Agritrading LTD P.O.Box 25384 1309 Nicosia	Cypromix Agritrading LTD P.O.Box 25384 1309 Nicosia
Place of origin:	EVP Herten, Rijksweg 9 A, 6049 GV Herten/ NL	EVP Herten, Rijksweg 9 A, 6049 GV Herten/ NL
Place of departure:	6049 GV Herten/ NL	6049 GV Herten/ NL
Date and time of departure:	05.10.2006, 13:00 o'clock	05.10.2006, 13:00 o'clock
Destination:	Epalophos, Kilkis, Aspropirgos/ Greece	Sklias/ Inofita Viotias, Aspropirgos/ Greece
Estimated time of journey:	56 hours	56 hours
Veterinary service which issued the documents:	LVE ZUID	LVE ZUID
Name of veterinarian:	Cremers	Cremers

The destinations written in the Health Certificates are wrong, since Kilkis and Aspropirgos are different destinations and also Inofita Viotias and Aspropirgos.

List of piglets who died during transport:

Number of dead animals	Eartag	Health - Certificate	Place of destination	Sender, Transporter
28	NL1828975	0000736 5	EPALOPHOS KILKIS ASPROPIRGOS GREECE	JANSSEN KONINGSBOSCH Lic.pl.no 1) BS-GV-67 2) WR-VX-48
20	NL1365885			
38	NL1715112			
37	NL1639810			
87	NL0949192	0000290 3	SKLIAS/ INOFITA VIOTIAS ASPROPIRGOS GREECE	
53	NL1627107			

Conclusions:

The appalling death of so many animals needs to be investigated by the responsible authorities.

Not only, that the transporter ignored the requirements of Council directive 91/628/EEC regarding journey times and rest periods, but also the conditions during the sea transport (here roll-on-roll-off ferry) need to be examined more closely.

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ANNEX:

- Health Certificate
- Route plan
- Report of the Veterinary Service in Greece