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Subject: Non-commercial movements of more than five pet dogs, cats and ferrets
- last amendment of Annex E to Council Directive 92/65/EEC

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the final version of document SANCO/7148/2010-Rev.3 as voted at the SCOFCAH meeting of 11-12 October 2010 (point 14 of the agenda). In order to avoid major movement disruption, in particular for sled dogs attending competitions in the forthcoming season, the Commission is calling on the cooperation of the Member States to implement the measures prior to the formal adoption of the Commission Decision, that is expected in early November.

In addition, I would be grateful if you could provide particular help and guidance to the Sled dog Associations operating in your territory. Clarifications from your side may be necessary on:

- the "official veterinarian" in your country who is in charge of issuing the animal health certificate laid down in Annex E to Directive 92/65/EEC on the basis of the information documented in the passport by the "veterinarian authorised by the competent authority" who carried out the clinical examination, as many owners may not understand the difference between the two veterinarians;
- the kind of proof the official veterinarian will request before issuing the animal health certificate for a movement of more than five pets (e.g. copy of the registration to a sport event or a show, membership in a kennel club or cynological organisation or attestation by the authorised veterinarian in the case of non-commercial movements of more than five pets for other private reasons);
- the limit of five pets established by Regulation (EU) No 388/2010: in accordance with the definition in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 998/2003, movement is not limited to transport, and the limit of five pets is not linked to a vehicle but to each person responsible for the movement, i.e. the owner or the person acting on behalf of the owner.

Yours sincerely,


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