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141-FOR AIR TRANSPORT -EVERY EQUINE OVER 14 HANDS IN HEIGHT IS SEGREGATED.

Subsection 141(8) is intended to prevent aggressive behaviour among horses. This is not typical of the draught horses that are exported to Japan by air as they have a calm temperament and are compatible. In keeping with the intent of the Regulations, allowing them to travel together helps to minimize anxiety as they are more at ease in each others' company

"BASED ON THE OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS DURING THE INSPECTION, THE LOAD APPEARS TO BE IN-COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE SECTIONS OF THE REGULATIONS THAT WERE ASSESSED"

ATTENTION TO INSPECTOR:

PLEASE CHECK ALL THE CRATES BEFORE THEY LOAD INTO PLANE.

INSPECTOR'S COMMENT:

Inspector

March 11, 2015

Loading of plane started at 8:15AM

At approx 9:26AM, it was noticed that one of the horses that had been loaded onto the plane had gone down. Shortly after that, another horse, not yet on the plane, was also noticed to have gone down. These two crates were brought to the airport barns to be unloaded and have the horses assessed. Both horses were able to rise on their own. One appeared immediately fit for transportation, while the other appeared to have a sore left hind leg. During this time, one of the operators of a TUG loader heard a loud bang in a third crate. He checked the crate and found two horses had gone down. This crate was also brought to the barn to be unloaded. Once the two still-standing horses were out, one of the two downed horses rose on its own and exited the crate. This horse was observed and appeared fit for transport. The other downed horse (brand ) was found to be dead with no visible trauma. CFIA Veterinarian was called in to assess the dead horse and the horse with the sore left hind leg. assessed the latter to be fit for transport.

of and of were interviewed regarding the dead horse. Loading of the horses from the feedlot started at 8:00PM and finished at 8:30PM. Crating of the horses at the airport began at 10:00PM and was completed by 12:00AM. says "he and his guys" checked the horses after crating at approx 12:00AM and again at approximately 6:30AM. No horses were observed in distress during this time.

Crates were also checked by Inspector at 6:30AM. All horses were observed to be standing upright.

Last crate was loaded onto the plane at 11:50AM.

Plane departed Calgary Airport at 12:30PM.

At time of departure, all crates were intact and all horses were standing upright.