



November 4, 2021

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Ms. Mitchell,

Thank you for your emailed letter of October 27, 2021 in regard to humane transport concerns observed on October 24, 2021 at Establishment 394 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has consulted with Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan about the videotaped incident. It was determined that as the incident involved animals off-loading from transport at a federally licensed establishment that the CFIA should review the incident under the provisions of Part XII of the *Health of Animals Regulations*.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) takes potential incidents of non compliance with the acts and regulations it enforces seriously. The CFIA completed follow up inspection activities in regard to the October 24, 2021 incident and determined that:

- A path for exiting the transport trailer would have been available to the pigs that were being prodded to leave the conveyance.
- The blow to the snout of one pig was inadvertent and occurred when the animal unexpectedly stuck its snout through the side venting of the trailer. As contact was made with the hollow plastic paddle it was unlikely to cause injury.
- No injuries indicative of trauma from being struck were observed during the ante-mortem inspection of pigs that day.

Based on the results from the follow up inspections and available video, no further enforcement activities are required under the *Health of Animals Regulations*.

While no further enforcement actions are required, it should be noted that *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations* (SFCR) require the establishment operator to establish and follow an animal welfare preventative control plan -

<https://inspection.canada.ca/eng/1523882301730/1523882392898>

The control plan can be used to address issues of concern that do not warrant enforcement action and reduce the risk of similar events.

Thank you for your interest in humane transport and sharing the information provided by Regina Pig Save.

Sincerely,

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cc: Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan