



## Inspection Report

TURK HAVA YOLLARI A O TURKISH AIRLINES  
350 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 7510  
NEW YORK, NY 10118

Customer ID: **26379**

Certificate: **21-T-0035**

Site: LAX

TURK HAVA YOLLARI AO  
TURKISH AIRLINES - LAX - Los  
Angeles International Airport

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 07-FEB-2024

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### Handling of animals.

On December 11, 2023, Turkish Airlines transported 1 Devon Rex hairless kitten, approximately 4 months old, to Los Angeles airport (LAX) and was found deceased at time of arrival. According to documentation, AWB: 235-504-26051, the flight began in Moscow (VKO) to Istanbul (IST) on flight TK420 with a final destination at LAX on flight TK179 on December 12, 2023. The flight time was approximately 19 to 20 hours, excluding wait times and loading and unloading of the kitten.

Documents provided show 1 kitten was alive in VKO prior to boarding for LAX. Although the AWB states airplane cargo temperatures range from 59 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit (F), the facility representative has stated the temperature, altitude, flight time, and cabin temperature values can vary between the minimum and the maximum values, depending on the amount and type of cargo. Therefore, short temperature deviations may occur during flight.

On December 11, 2023 the temperature in Moscow ranged between 16-19 degrees F, 85% Humidity (H), in Istanbul 45-54 degrees F, daily average 87% H, and at LAX, ranged between 50-68 degrees F, 88% H on December 12, 2023. According to the documentation provided by the Center of Disease Control Los Angeles Quarantine Station, the kitten was deceased on arrival. The kitten's transport crate was lined with a litter pad and additional padding. There were no indications of added measures taken to protect the cat or reduce the effects from the potential rigors of travel including temperature fluctuations during this transport.

The facility representative stated the airline has placed an embargo on transporting hairless cat breeds to LAX.

When climatic conditions present a threat to an animal's health or well-being, appropriate measures must be taken to alleviate the impact of those conditions. An animal may never be subjected to any combination of temperature, humidity, and time, that is detrimental to the animal's health or well-being, taking into consideration such factors as the animal's age, species, breed, overall health status, and acclimation.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representative.

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