

# United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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## **Inspection Report**

Qatar Airways Cargo 350 5th Ave., Ste 7630 Manhattan, NY 10118 Customer ID: 41666

Certificate: 21-T-0097

Site: MIA

Qatar Airways Cargo - MIA - Miami

International Airport

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 07-JUL-2023

### 3.18(b) Critical

#### Care in transit.

On June 27, 2023, approximately at 06:30 hours, 11 hours after deboarding Qatar Airlines flight QR-0777 at Miami International Airport (MIA), the crate containing a six-month old bully breed dog originating from Romania was opened by authorized terminal personnel, who found the dog to be deceased. Originating air transportation from Bucharest, Romania (OTP), the dog flew four hours and 30 minutes (+/-) arriving safely at Qatar's Doha International Airport (DIA). The dog then flew for another 15 hours and 26 minutes (+/-) on Qatar Airways flight QR-0777 to MIA at 20:49 hours on July 26, 2023; dog was found dead in crate at approximately 06:30 hours the next day (July 27, 2023). Following CDC and USDA directions, the facility manager contracted a USDA intermediate handler who took the cadaver and delivered to a local licensed veterinarian, who arranged for a necropsy.

During air transportation of dogs/cats, it is the responsibility of the air carrier to observe the animals as frequently as circumstances allow, but not less than once every 4 hours if the animal cargo area is accessible during flight. If the animal cargo area is not accessible during flight, the air carrier must observe the dogs/cats whenever they are loaded and unloaded and whenever the animal cargo space is otherwise accessible to make sure they have sufficient air for normal breathing, that the animal cargo area meets the heating and cooling requirements of § 3.16(d) under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), and that all other applicable standards of this AWA subpart are being complied with. The air carrier must determine whether any of the dogs or cats are in obvious physical distress, and arrange for any needed veterinary care as soon as possible. Also, if a dog or cat is obviously ill, injured, or in physical distress, it must not be transported in commerce, except to receive veterinary care for the condition. Furthermore, the transportation regulations contained in this AWA subpart must be complied with by the air carrier until a consignee takes physical delivery of the dog/cat if the animal is consigned for transportation, or until the animal is returned to the consignor.

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

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# **Species Inspected**

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CountScientific NameCommon Name000001Canis familiarisDOG PUPPY

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