



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: 30-NOV-2023

2.131(e) Critical

Handling of animals.

On November 17, 2023, Turkish Airlines transported 2 hairless, Sphynx breed cats, a male born on June 12, 2023, and a female born on July 13, 2023. According to documentation, AWB: 235-38214105, the flight began in Moscow (VKO) to Istanbul (IST) on flight TK420 with a final destination in Los Angeles (LAX) on flight TK179. The flight time was approximately 19 to 20 hours, excluding wait times and loading and unloading of the cats. Documents provided show the 2 Sphynx cats were alive in IST prior to boarding for LAX. Although the Turkish airlines representative stated temperatures in airplane cargo ranges from 59 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit (F), 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 November 17, the temperature in Moscow ranged between 27-34 degrees F, 85% Humidity (H), in Istanbul 48-59 degrees F, 78% H, and at LAX, upon arrival between 10 and 11 am ranged between 50-71 degrees F, 61% H. According to the registered handler, upon offloading from the plane, the 2 Sphynx kittens were dead. The deceased cats were in the crate lined with a litter pad with fecal matter on their bodies. There were no indications of added measures taken to protect the cats or reduce the effects from the potential rigors of travel including temperature fluctuations during this transport.

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 representatives.

Prepared By: ALEXANDRA ANDRICOS

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Date:

15-DEC-2023

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:

15-DEC-2023



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
26379	21-T-0035	LAX	TURK HAVA YOLLARI AO TURKISH AIRLINES - LAX - Los Angeles International Airport	30-NOV-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000000	NONE	NONE
000000	Total	