

## 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: LAX

Qatar Airways Cargo - LAX - Los Angeles International Airport

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 20-JUN-2024

#### 3.18(c) Critical

### Care in transit.

One female Sphynx cat was found dead on arrival at LAX with 7 other live Sphynx cats on 5/30/24, AWB 157-39382626. The cats traveled from Russia (SVO) to Qatar (DOA) to Los Angeles (LAX) with 2 cats per travel enclosure. A Center for Disease Control (CDC) veterinarian was informed by the airline and the importer that this cat was examined by a veterinarian during the layover in DOA as the cat appeared weak and underweight. The cat was treated for hypoglycemia and held overnight. Her travel crate mate was identified as underweight as well. The following day the 8 cats continued on a flight to LAX. Upon arrival at LAX, the treated Sphynx cat was found dead, and her crate mate, MC#900255000484221. appeared ill and was taken to an emergency veterinary clinic where she was treated.

Documents show the 8 Sphynx cats appeared in good health and condition when checked in for the flight. The Qatar Cargo Shipper's Certificate for Live Animals document states "the animals contained in this consignment are in suitable condition for air transport... and the animals are in good health and condition."

Although one sphynx cat received veterinary care in DOA, while her crate mate was identified as underweight, it does not appear the cats were well enough to withstand the remaining flight which was approximately 17 hours in duration. Transporting sick and/or injured animals may seriously affect the health and well-being of the animals or lead to death. If a cat is obviously ill, injured, or in physical distress, it must not be transported in commerce, except to receive veterinary care for the condition.

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

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Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

**OFFICER** 

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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# **Species Inspected**

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