



In reply to the brief received at this General Directorate concerning the request for a statement regarding the points addressed in your brief, I am pleased to be able to inform you of the following:

1. The possibility of using the "Waterproof and self-destructive sanitary bag for transportation of bodies within a coffin", as an interior coffin for international transport of bodies.

- A. Article 40 of Decree 2263/1974, classifies coffins into two types:
- a) Common
 - b) For Transportation, including any kind of transport, whether nationally or internationally. In this point the characteristics which the two boxes making up this kind of coffin must have are specified, and the "Waterproof and self-destructible sanitary bag for transportation of bodies within a coffin" has been approved as an interior lining of the special transportation coffins, complying with this law.
- B. Article 6 of the Strasbourg Agreement specifies the characteristics transportation coffins must have. The "Waterproof and self-destructive sanitary bag for transportation of bodies within a coffin" specifically complies with the requirements of article 6 1 i), as it has been approved as an interior lining for the special transportation coffins.

2. The characteristics which the wooden coffin must have, both for transport to countries which have ratified the Strasbourg Agreement and to other countries, particularly in relation to the thickness of the walls.

Both Decree 2263/1974 and the Strasbourg Agreement specify that the minimum thickness necessary for the external box (external coffin) will be 20mm.

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