

Official checks related to export of live animals to non-EU countries

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Leaflet for drivers

- Available in English and translated into Bulgarian, Czech, German, Hungarian, French and Polish;
- To be distributed by the BG competent authorities at the exit point to Turkey;
- Will be soon available for downloading and printing from DG SANTE's website.

Your vehicle may be **inspected** before and during your journey. The authorities will inspect your vehicle at Kapitan Andreevo – the EU exit point in Bulgaria.

**HAVE A
SAFE TRIP!**



Transporting live animals to Turkey?

Know the rules!

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NEVER ACCEPT INJURED OR UNFIT ANIMALS

BEFORE STARTING THE JOURNEY, MAKE SURE THAT:

- ✓ Your animals have enough feed, water and bedding for the whole journey
- ✓ There is enough space for the animals, especially in hot weather
- ✓ The ventilation system is working well (maximum inside temperature below 30°C)
- ✓ You know where to stop to feed and rest the animals
- ✓ You have the correct documents
- ✓ You are prepared for the unexpected (being stuck at the border, needing extra water or feed, etc.)
- ✓ The veterinary controls at the Turkish border will be open at the time of your arrival

DURING YOUR JOURNEY, MAKE SURE THAT:

- ✓ You respect the travelling and resting times of your animals
- ✓ You drive smoothly to reduce animal stress
- ✓ You check on the animals regularly
- ✓ You provide animals with enough feed, water and rest as required by law

IT PAYS TO STAY WITHIN THE LAW

Comply with the EU rules on animal welfare during transport! This will **prevent delays** and the risk of **high penalties**. In serious cases of neglect, the authorities may suspend or withdraw your authorisation.

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Pilot Project on best practices for animal transport

Dissemination phase is foreseen to start in mid-2017

<http://animaltransportguides.eu/>



SHEEP



POULTRY



SWINE



HORSES



CATTLE





Letter to CVOs

(of June 2016)

- **Plan the whole journey considering:**
 - *the Turkish border working time 9:00 - 18:00 (GMT +2)*
- **Latest information received from Bulgaria:**
 - *the control post of Royal Haskovo is temporary closed*
 - *the control post of Svilengrad has limited capacity and requires preliminary booking confirmation*



Key obligations of the competent authorities

- **At the place of departure:**
 - ***Temperature forecast at the BG and TR border*** (do not authorise long journeys if the truck ventilation system is not capable to maintain inside temperatures between 5° to 30° C with a +/-5° C tolerance)
 - ***Space allowances*** - adapted to the weather
 - ***Updated contingency plans*** – if stuck at the border or accident happen outside the EU



In case of non-compliance

- *Take actions to safeguard the welfare of animals;*
- *Impose emergency measures (unload, return, rest, slaughter/euthanasia);*
- *Notify the competent authority which granted the authorisation;*
- *Impose penalties;*
- *Suspend or withdraw authorisation of transporter or certificate of approval of the means of transport;*
- *Suspend or withdraw the certificate of competence of the driver.*



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Thank you for your attention!

