
Animal Welfare on Transport to third countries

Portuguese Presidency initiative



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Portuguese presidency priorities – Animal Welfare



Animal welfare on transport is one of the priority areas of the Portuguese Presidency

Council conclusions on Farm to Fork Strategy- Commission is called on to review as promptly as possible the existing animal welfare legislation in particular on the transport of animals

The presidency would like to contribute to the future revision process of the animal welfare legislation started by the Commission

Questionnaire to the planned evaluation and revision of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport as regards long distance transport to third countries

Objectives of the questionnaire :

- Seek Member States views on strong points of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 and the ones that would need improvements, regarding long distance transport to third countries by road and by sea
- Give Member States the opportunity to give some key suggestions for the planned revision of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005;
- Provide input to future implementing and delegated acts to be adopted on the basis of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on Official Controls.

Main results of the Questionnaire to contribute to the planned evaluation and revision of Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport as regards long distance transport to third countries- Sea transport on livestock vessels

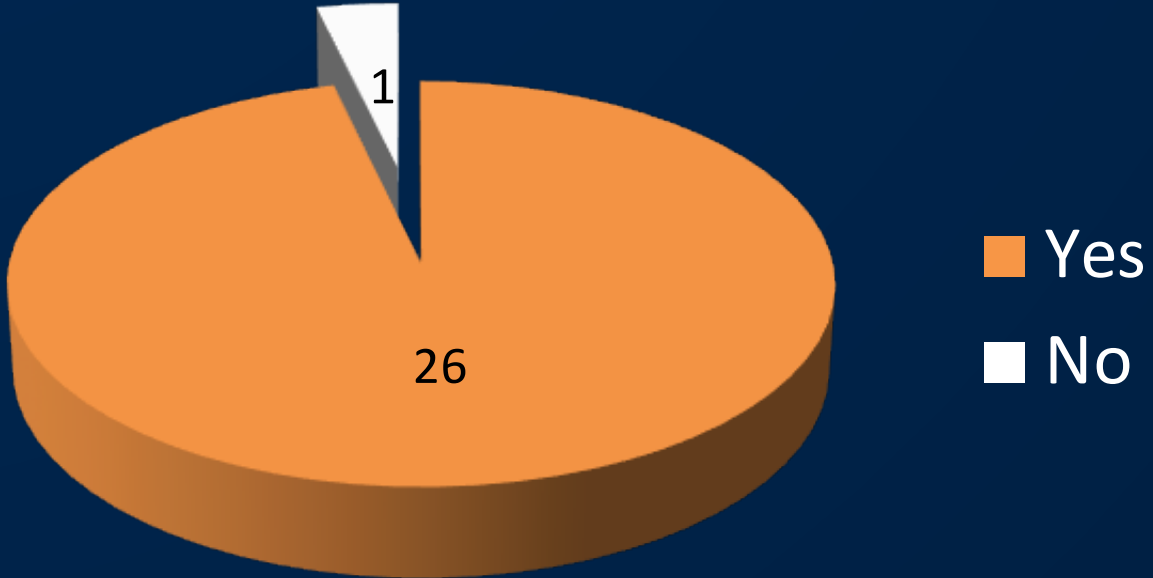
Number of answers received: 27

85% MS have long journeys to third countries

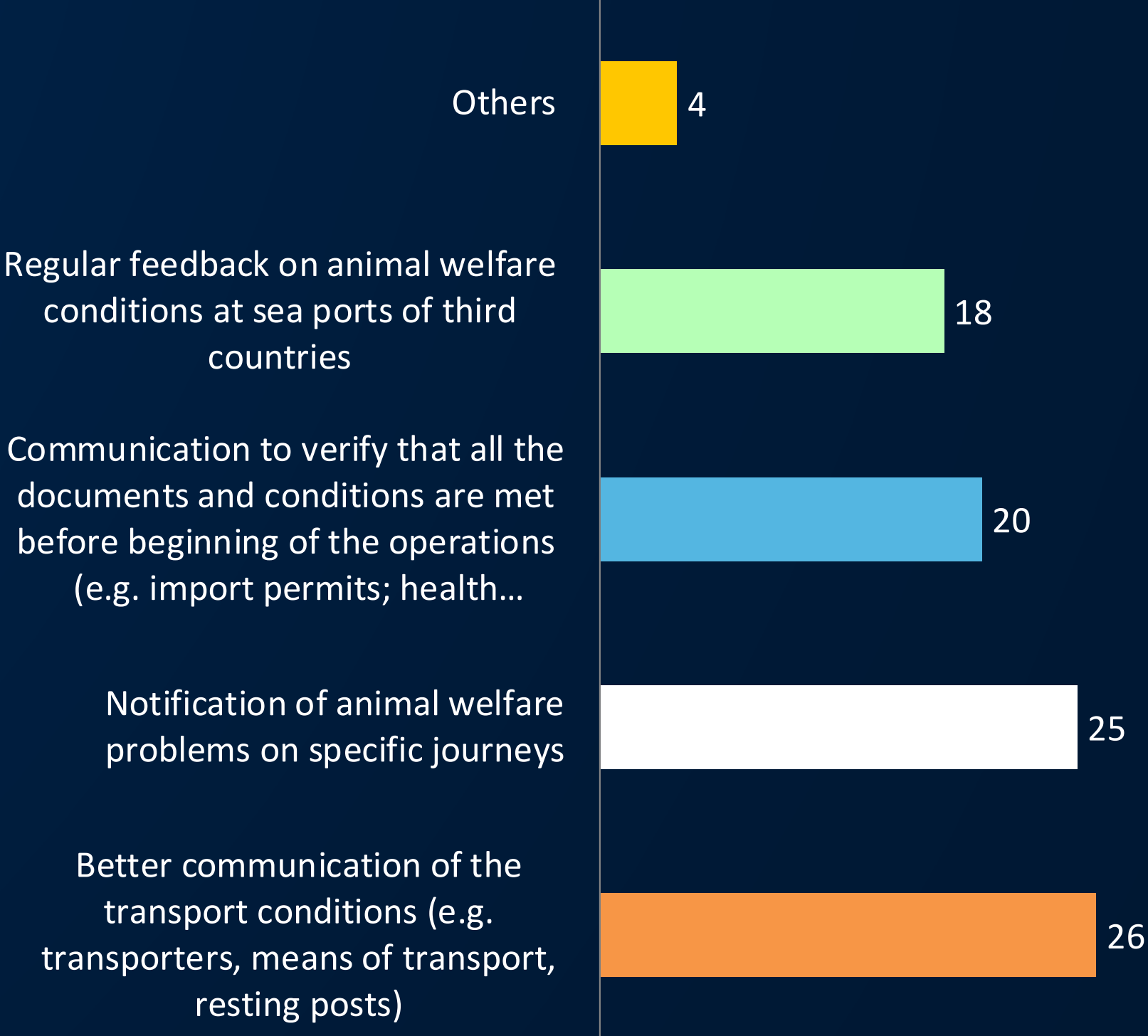
Focus on the technical points identified for improvements- **Sea transport on livestock vessels**



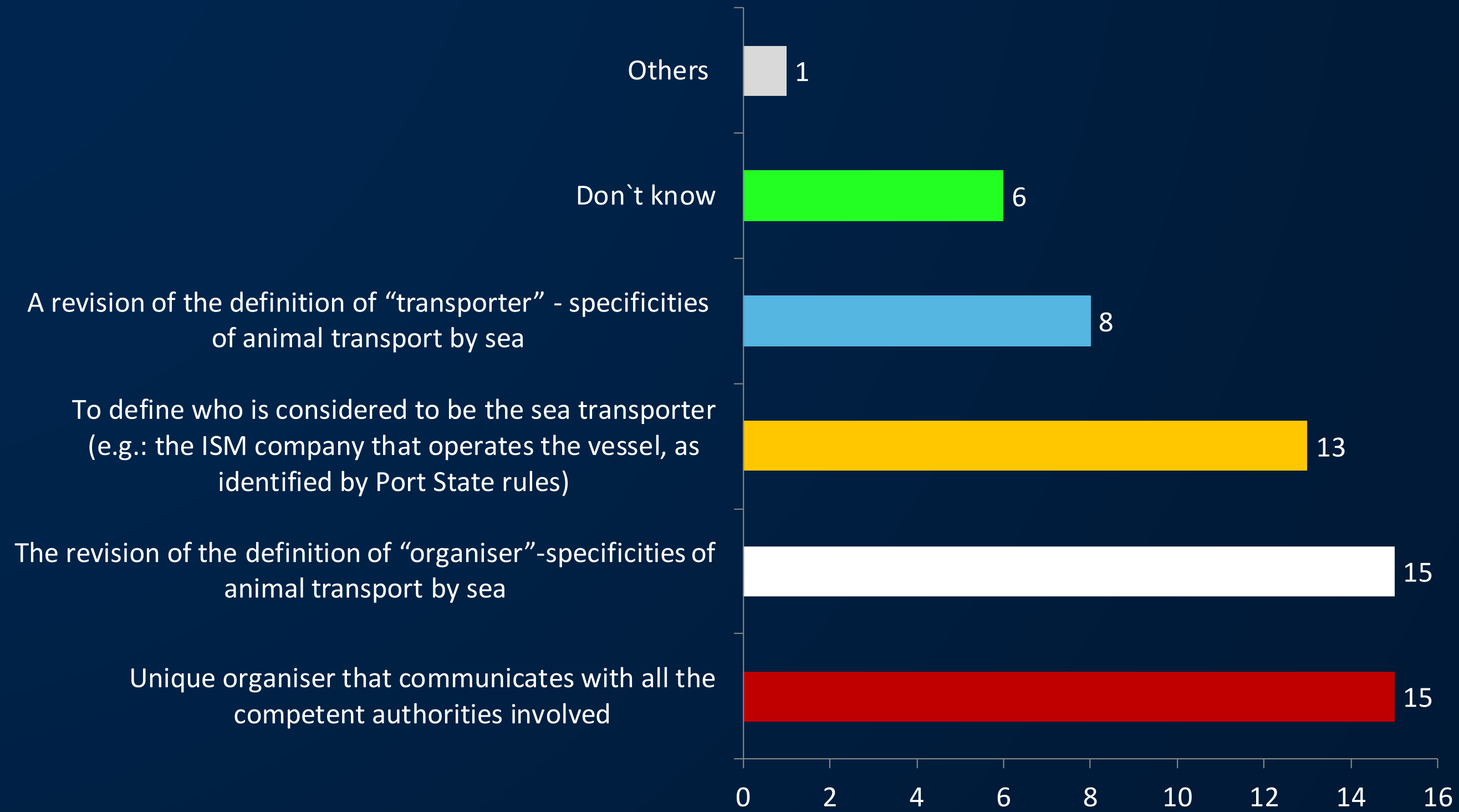
OIE transport contact point



OIE transport contact point main advantages



Definition/identification of the transporter and organizer in livestock vessels



Organiser authorisation and obligations to be improved

86% (19/22) of the respondents, agree that organisers need to fulfil additional requirements in order to be authorised by the competent authorities

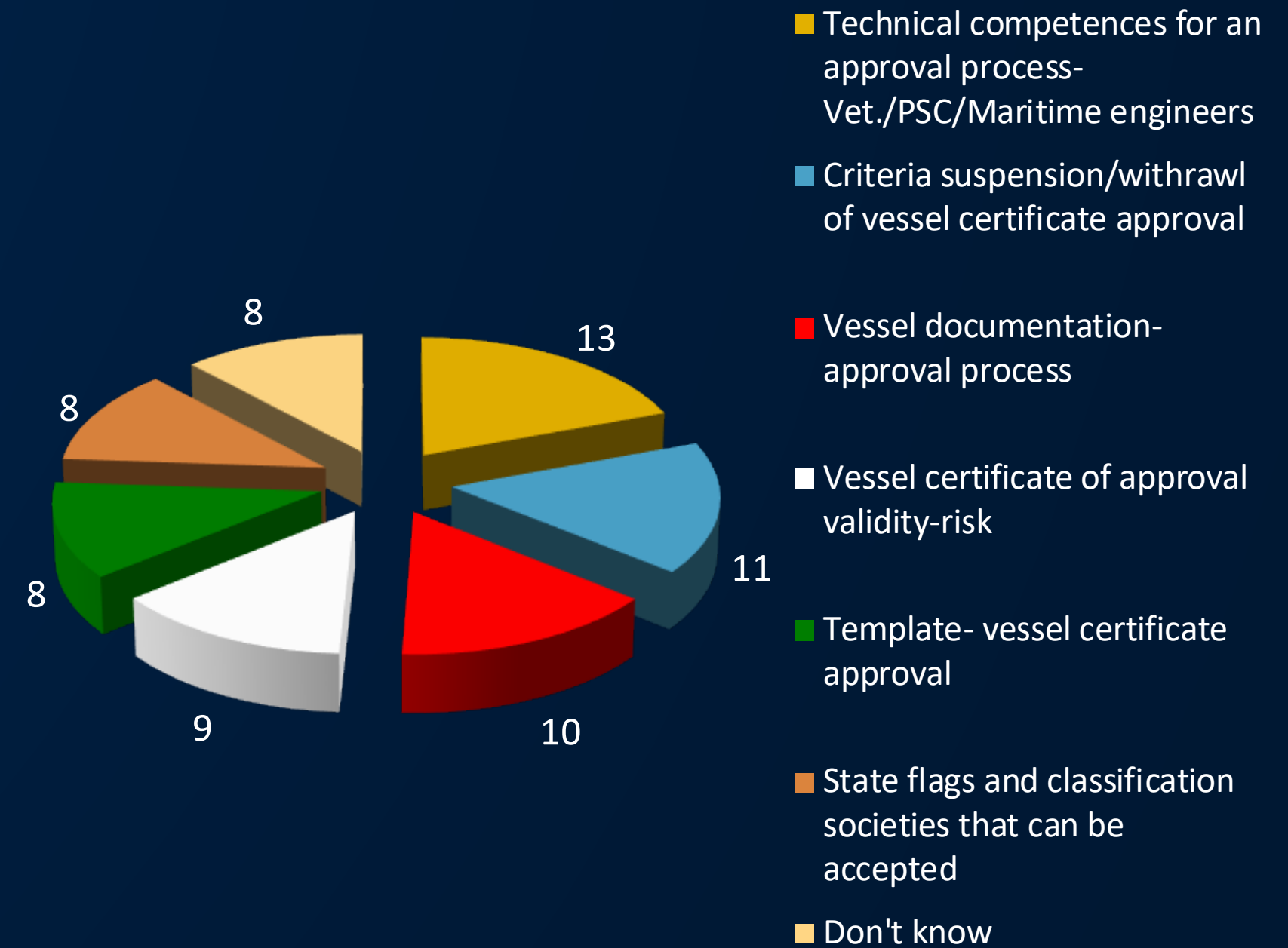
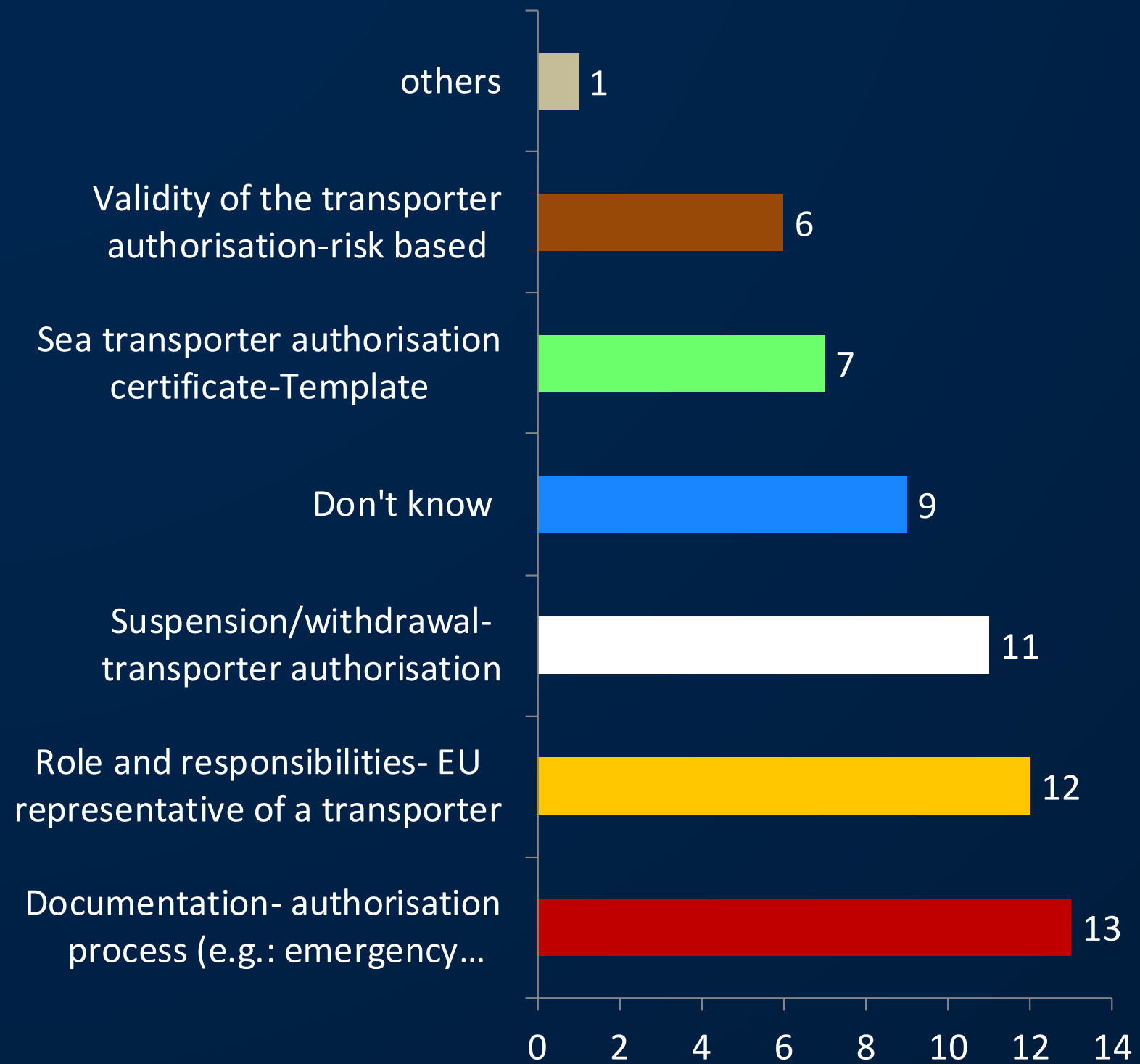
- Planning of the journey until the place of destination (64%, 16/18)
- Presentation of the operation contingency planning including sea port operations (60%, 15/19)
- Contact with the competent authorities involved (place of origin/port of loading) to assure the necessary authorisations to start the operations (56 %, 10/15).

Sea transporters' obligations to be improved

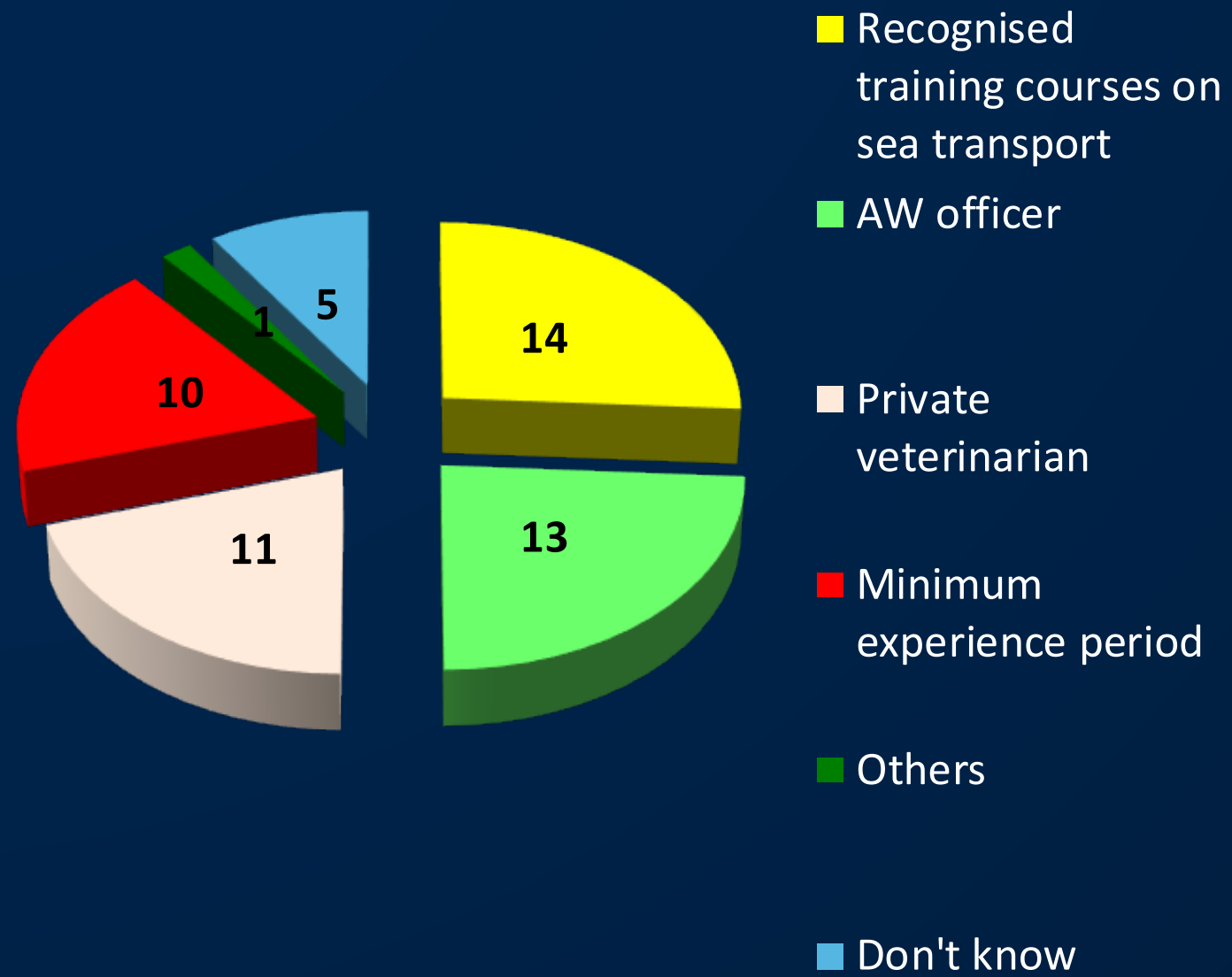
- Information sent to the competent authority at the port of departure prior to the journey (88 %, 15/17)
- Communication all the actions taken whenever there is an event on board that can compromise the welfare of the animals during the sea journey (76 % ,13/17)
- Contingency planning for each journey which takes into consideration the sea and weather conditions (76 % ,13/17)

Sea Transporter authorisation process

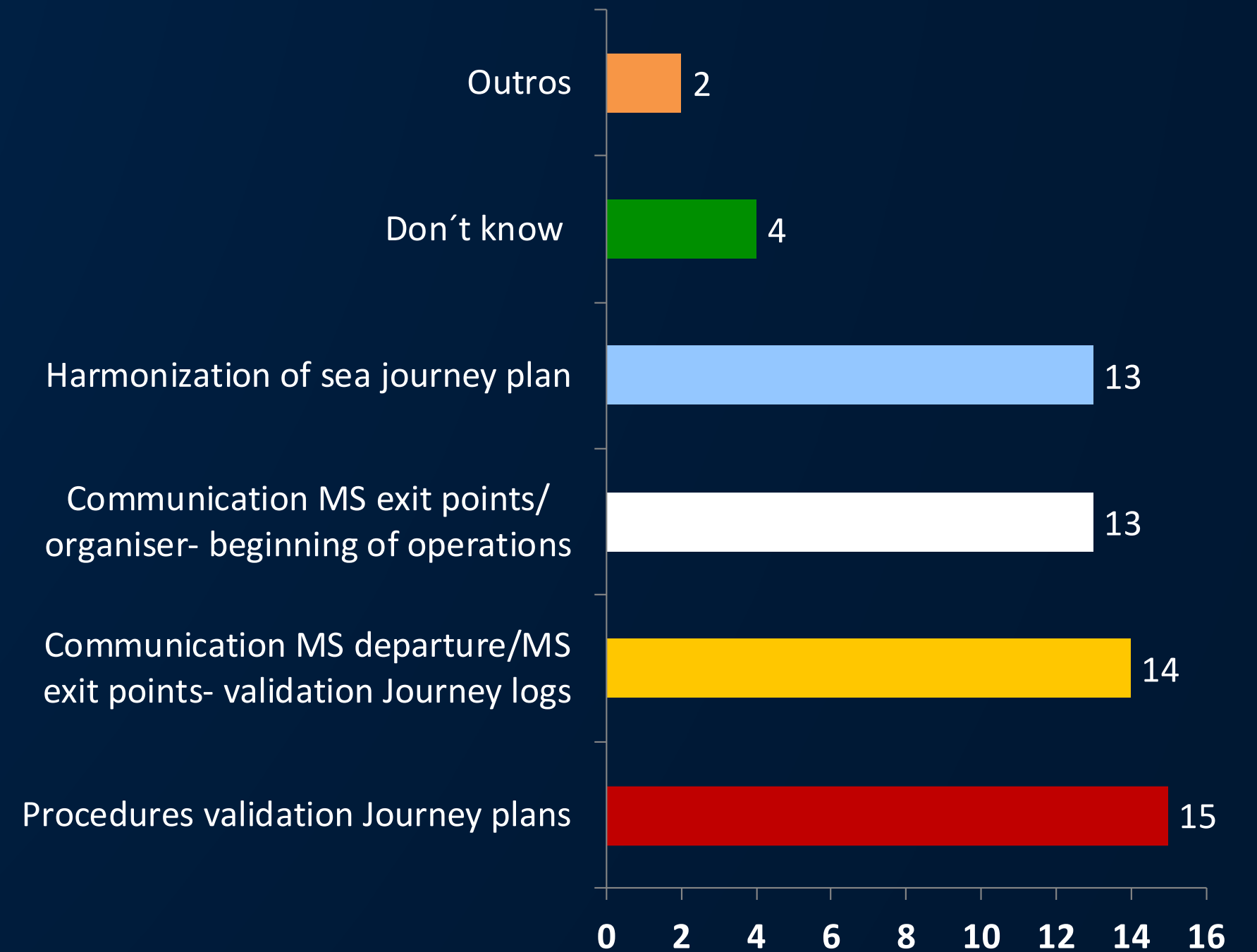
Livestock vessel approval process



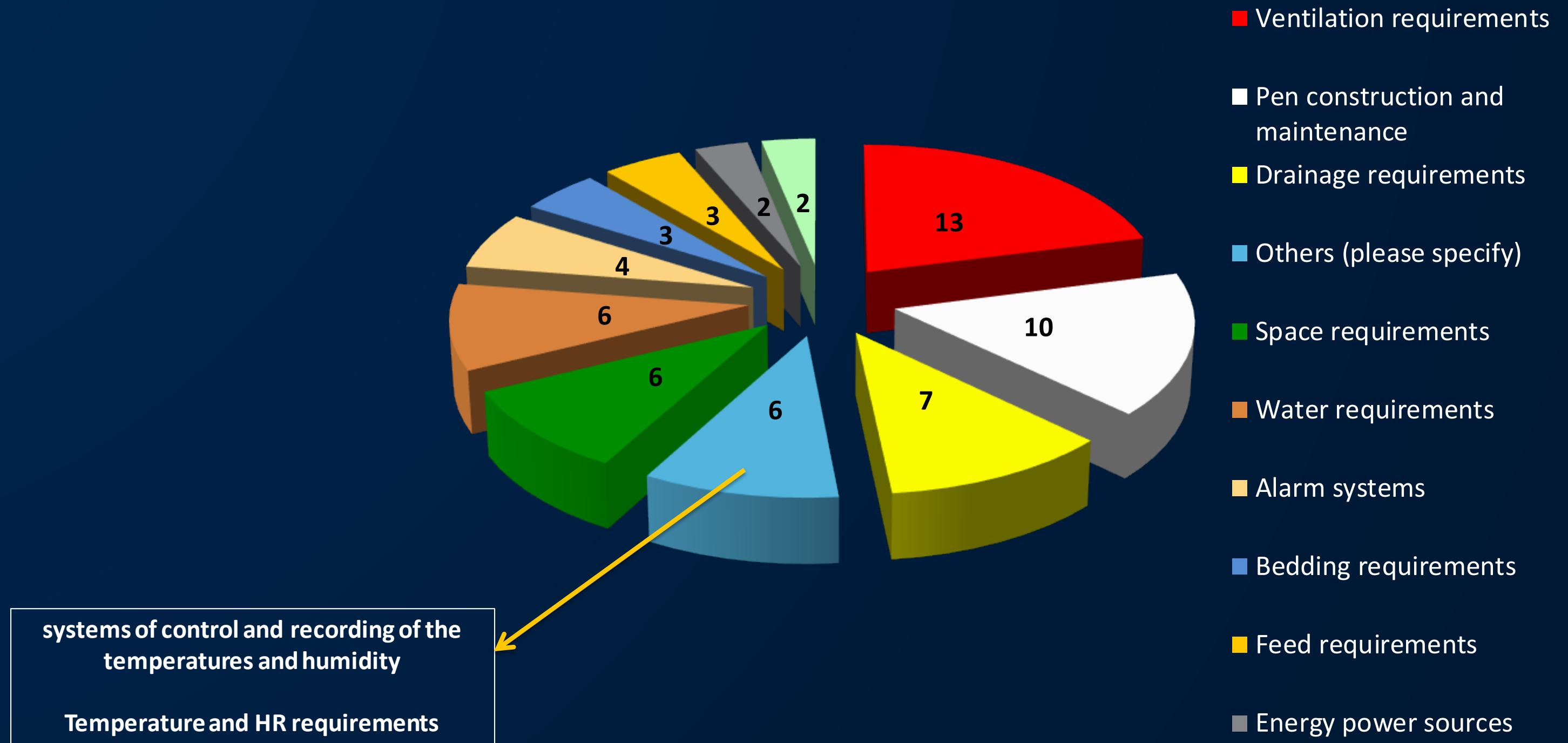
Crew training and competence



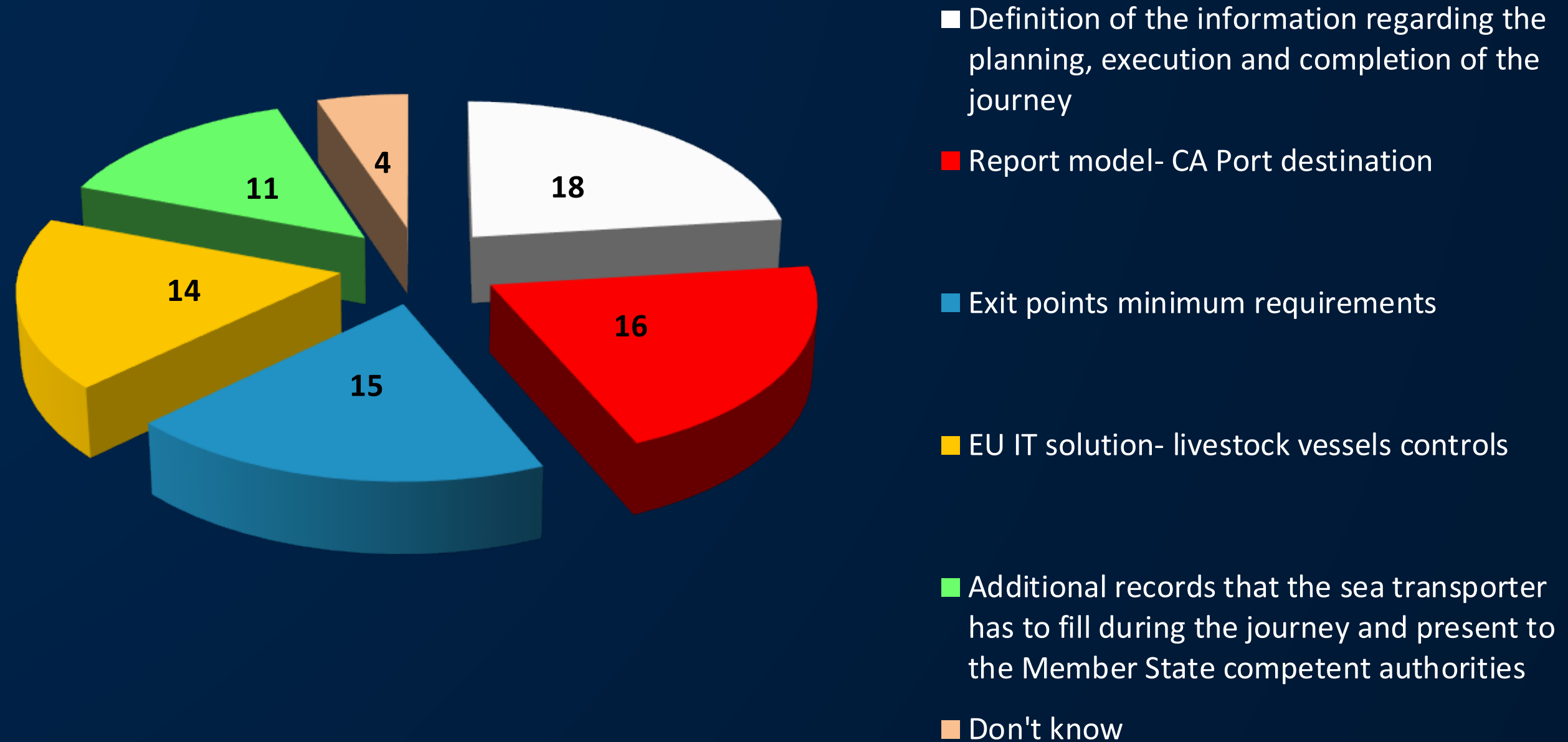
Journey planning



Vessel's technical requirements to be improved



Official controls before loading animals on the vessel



Main outcomes of the questionnaire:

- MS provided very useful inputs and comments
- It was recognised the importance and advantages of establishing a transport contact point system with the third countries-OIE
- Other points were highlighted such as the importance of an unique organiser, that need to fulfil additional requirements in order to be authorised by the competent authorities, the need to improve the sea transporter obligations and the sea transporter authorisation and vessel certification processes
- The main vessel technical requirements to be improved were highlighted
- Relevant aspects on the journey planning, training and competence of the crew personnel were identified
- On the official controls some improvement points were identified , namely the type of the journey information to be required, requirements for exit points and the need to introduce new technologies that would improve and promote official controls of the livestock vessels

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