

Romanian priorities regarding animal welfare during transport for export purposes

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Speaking points

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2. Priorities regarding animal welfare during transport for export purposes
3. TAIEX Multi-country Workshop on animal welfare during sea transport, 11th June 2019

1. National legislation on animal welfare during transport

- drawn up by the central veterinary competent authority (NSVFSA)
- NSVFSA - regulation and control authority in the sanitary veterinary and food safety fields - represented at territorial level by 42 units = sanitary veterinary and food safety directorates

1. National legislation on animal welfare during transport

Current legislation:

- NSVFSA Order no. 16/2010 – registration/approval of means of transport, including livestock vessels
- Government Decision no. 984/2005 updated – enforcement measures for veterinary and food safety non-compliances including those on AW during transport

Guides for implementation of EC Reg. 1/2005 and for approval of means of transport

2. Priorities regarding animal welfare during transport for export purposes

As RO transporters export livestock by road (to Turkey – animals coming from RO & other MS) and by sea (to Middle East countries), priorities are:

- Implementation of the provisions of (EC) Council Regulation 1/2005
- Implementation of 2015 Judgement of the Court of Justice of the EU in Case C-424/13



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- For long journeys commencing in EU territory and then continuing outside of it, the transporter, in order to be authorised to depart, must submit a journey log which is realistic in terms of compliance, with particular attention to the temperature forecast;
- Competent authorities should not approve journey logs where animals must be unloaded for a 24-hour rest in a non-EU country except where the organiser has identified a place for that rest that provides facilities equivalent to those of a control post;
- Official veterinarians at exit points should check, as required by Regulation (EC) No 1/2005, that before vehicles leave the EU the provisions of the Regulation are complied with.

Main problems – road transport:



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- planning of the journey is not realistic
- animal loading allowed when the temperature exceeds specified limits according to (EC) Reg. 1/2005

Main problems – sea transport:



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- 5 years validity of the approval certificate of the livestock vessels for journeys exceeding 10 nautical miles
- Certain building and equipment requirements not checked properly during inspection of livestock vessels by official veterinarians as they don't have such competence

Actions taken



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- A. Instructions given to the official veterinarians (place of loading and control posts), transporters, organizers and exporters on:
- realistic and feasible planning of the journey (time for loading/unloading/ transport, the species and age of the animals transported, average speed, the rest periods for animals and drivers, stopping at the control posts (proof of a reservation, including feed, water and fresh litter, at a CP), working hours of the BIP in the country of destination and average stationary time (6 hours at BG-TR border); change journey log if not appropriate;
 - animal loading allowed only if the temperatures within the vehicles are maintained between 5 - 30°C, with tolerance of +/- 5°C and if weather forecast (for Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey) is favorable;



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Instructions

- loading density reduced according to the animal species, weight, age, physiological state, weather forecast;
- ventilation, temperature monitoring and recording and alarm systems should be functional;
- contingency planning, including contact data for the feed suppliers, road assistance and veterinarians in the countries of departure, transit and destination.

Actions taken



- B. Training
 - Official veterinarians in the CSVFSDs;
 - Topics:
 - legislation on AW during transport;
 - most common non-compliances during export of livestock,
 - checking of journey logs
 - checks at loading, including transporter authorisation, certification of competence and of vehicle approval
 - Dissemination of the Animal Transport Guides (RO - partner within the project) <http://animaltransportguides.eu/>

Draft legislation



C. Draft legislation on animal welfare standards during road and maritime transport for animals intended for export to third countries – includes provisions of the Network Document on Checks Before Journeys when Live Animals are Destined for Export by Road and the Network Document on Livestock Vessels

(<http://www.ansvsa.ro/ordine-ale-presedintelui-ansvsa/>)

- *The representative of the livestock collecting centre/ farm of origin:*
 - notifies the CA at the exit point on his intention to load and sends the veterinarian from the place of departure a document including information on the means of transport and the distance to be traveled;

- *Master of the ship:*
 - provides the veterinarian in the exit point/ BIP with the list of the personnel handling the animals,
 - acknowledges the document issued by the official veterinarian in the exit point/ BIP indicating the quantities of water, feed and bedding that should be on board for the journey planned,
 - draws up and sends the final report on the journey to the official veterinarian at the exit point/ BIP.

- *Official veterinarians at the place of departure :*
 - Approve journey logs only if planning indicates adequate time to transfer the animals to the vessel and authorised transporter for the sea journey is indicated.
 - Assess the scheduling of the animal consignments' arrival at the port, and the planning in relation to temperatures forecast for the journey, the unloading at the port and the loading onto the livestock vessel.
 - Send a copy of the journey log to the representative of the livestock collecting centre/ farm of origin.



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D. Draft legislation on assessing the maritime transporters and livestock vessels prior to approval and operation on the Romanian territory

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- The inspection prior to approval and before each loading of animals onto livestock vessels approved in Romania or any other MS – carried out by teams made up of veterinarians (representatives of NSVFSA) and technical experts (Romanian Naval Authority).
- The sanitary veterinary approval for transporters of livestock for journeys exceeding 10 nautical miles and the certificate of approval of livestock vessels for journeys exceeding 10 nautical miles – valid for 3 years at most



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3. TAIEX Multi-country Workshop on animal welfare during sea transport, 11th June 2019

Beneficiaries: most of the EU MS,
Algeria, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan,
Lebanon, Republic of Moldova, Tunisia



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- Aim:
 - Identifying good practices and allowing for exchange of experiences between experts in the field of animal welfare during maritime transports of live animals from the EU to third countries
 - Promotion outside EU of harmonized guidelines regarding the requirements for the authorisation and official control of maritime exports of live animals

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Conclusions of the workshop:

- Need to update the Network document on livestock vessels that, if implemented in the MS, does help at the time of LVs' approval and loading inspections
- Vets need technical assistance (marine surveyors) as checking the compliance with certain requirements of (EC) R 1/2005 is difficult

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- Feedback from non-EU countries needed – communication of the outcome of the assessment at destination to the VSs of the place of departure. Establishment of a network of NCPs for AW across all OIE Member States
- As livestock transport over long distance journeys will continue, requirements need to be complied with by all parties involved – organiser, transporter&driver, CA authorising transporters, CA approving LVs, CA at the place of departure, CA at the exit points, NCPs

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<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/TMSWebRestrict/resources/js/app/#/library/detail/68710>

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