

Welfare of animal during transport under high temperatures



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Scene Setter

- The proper implementation of the welfare requirements for the transport of animals is a priority for the Commission.
- This is particularly relevant in case of extreme temperatures and in the case of long journeys including the ones outside the EU.
- The Commission calls upon the Competent Authorities and the operators to give particular attention to the transport of animals in extreme weather conditions.

Legal Basis

The requirements are provided in Annex I, Chapter VI, point 3 of the Regulation:

***Ventilation systems** on means of transport by road shall be designed, constructed and maintained in such way that, at **any time** during the journey, whether the means of transport is **stationary or moving**, they are capable of **maintaining a range of temperatures from 5 °C to 30 °C** within the means of transport, for all animals, with a **+/- 5 °C tolerance, depending on the outside** temperature.*

Legal Basis

According to Regulation (EC) N° 1/2005 a Member State shall not approve transports if temperatures cause animal suffering.

- **Article 14(I) (a) (ii)** read in conjunction with:
 - **Articles 3(c) and 5(3) (a).**
 - **Points 2.6 of Chapter III.**
 - **Points 1.1.(b) of Chapter II** (Means of transport).
 - **Boxes 7 and 8 of Section 1 of Appendix of Annex II** (Journey log).



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Actions taken by the Commission

Guides to Good and Better Practice for animals transported within Europe and to third countries for slaughter, fattening and breeding:

- **Factsheets** in different languages: transport, loading and unloading.
- **Educational videos** for best transport practices

The screenshot shows a factsheet titled "Cattle on long journeys" with a sub-section for "long journeys > over 8 hours, including unloading and stops". It contains a table with columns for "Animals", "Duration of transport", and "Duration of journey".

Animals	Duration of transport	Duration of journey
Cattle	Max. 24 hours	Min. 2 hour rest (including unloading and feeding) / Max. 24 hours transport
Sheep and goats	Max. 8 hours transport	Min. 2 hour rest (including unloading and feeding) / Max. 8 hours transport

After these maximum journey times, animals must be unloaded, fed and watered and be rested for at least 24 hours.

Preparing specific organisations and providers

Two days before the journey

- Check weather forecast to avoid extreme weather conditions
- Plan the journey route and check journey duration
- Check equipment and be prepared for food, water, feeding and resting equipment, suitable facilities (in case of dairy cattle), fresh drinking water
- Check whether the vehicle has functioning temperature recording system and clean drinking devices
- Make sure you have all necessary documents (e.g. veterinary certificate, health certificate)
- Organise your loading
- Ask for all cattle to be well rested, watered and fed with sufficient good quality food

Day of

- Prepare the vehicle
 - Provide clean and fresh water
 - Ensure 20°C at least, covering the entire floor surface
 - Prepare water and food according to the type and the number of cattle
- Load all cattle safely
- Start your journey or make unloading to completed

Unloading

- Check temperature, water and food
- Check for any signs of stress, injury or exhaustion
- Check for any signs of disease

Check out

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Audits

- **NL,BU,HU,DE,TU,FR,CZ** in 2017.
- **PO,SI, ES, HR** in 2018.
- **RO** in 2019.



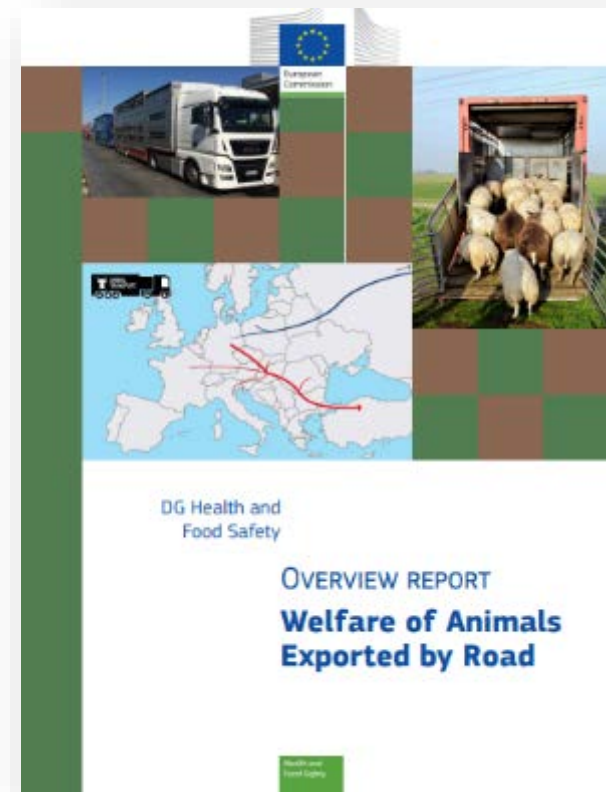
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Commission Audits Overview reports

Main issues highlighted:

- **High temperatures** are a major **risk** for AW.
- Authorities **do not have access** to temperature monitor systems.



Action taken by the Commission

Letters

Since 2017 the Commission has sent letters to CVO and Ministers.

The purposes of the letters are to remind :

- The risk of transporting animals under extreme temperatures on long journeys.
- To ensure all necessary measures to avoid suffering (weather forecast -planning journey-reinforce water, feed and facilities to unload the animals).
- To coordinate actions through national contact points



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Actions reported by Member States in case of export to Turkey (TR) during summer

YEAR	Transports to TR blocked seasonally or or if temperature exceeds 30C	Not blocked but no transports to TR (AH or other reasons)	Exporting to TR with preventive actions (according to info provided) likely to be more or less effective:
2018	IE	SE, EL, UK, FI, SI,NL	LT, BE, SK, EE, RO, FR, DE, CZ, LV, HU
2019	IE, SK,HU,AT	MT,NL	ES,LT ,IT, BG
2020	IE,HU,AT,RO	NL	EL,FI,SK



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Future actions

- The Commission has currently launched a process to evaluate and revise the legislation for animal welfare including animal transport.
- For this purpose a specific mandate has been sent to EFSA.
- The process is included in the actions foreseen by the Farm to Fork Strategy.
- The implementation of the current rules remains an important priority