

Bulgarian Presidency activities on Animal Welfare

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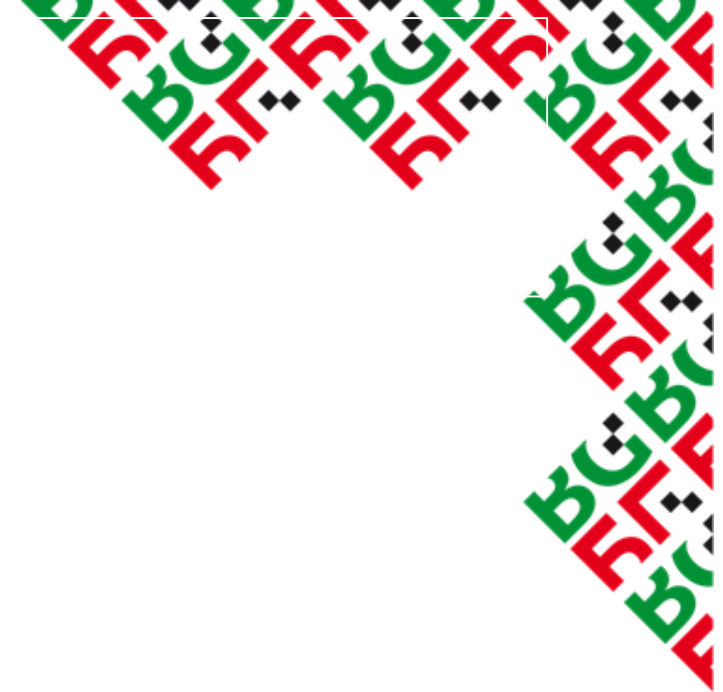


Priority topics of the BG Presidency

1. Animal welfare during transport – **main priority of the BG Presidency**

WP Chief Veterinary Officers

2. Other



1. Animal welfare during transport

✓ Why ?

- Implementation of EU Transport Regulation (EC)1/2005 remains a challenge in EU.
- Difficulties in performing livestock exports to Middle East Countries



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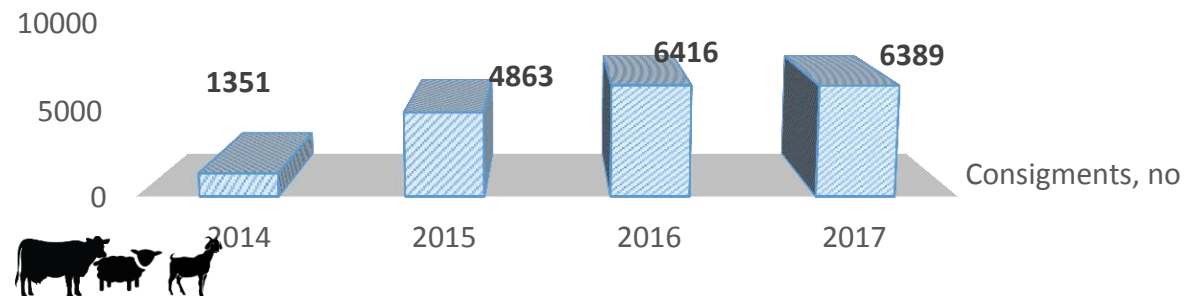
✓ Why ?

Bulgaria as one of the main road exit point for export to Turkey is taking its part in:

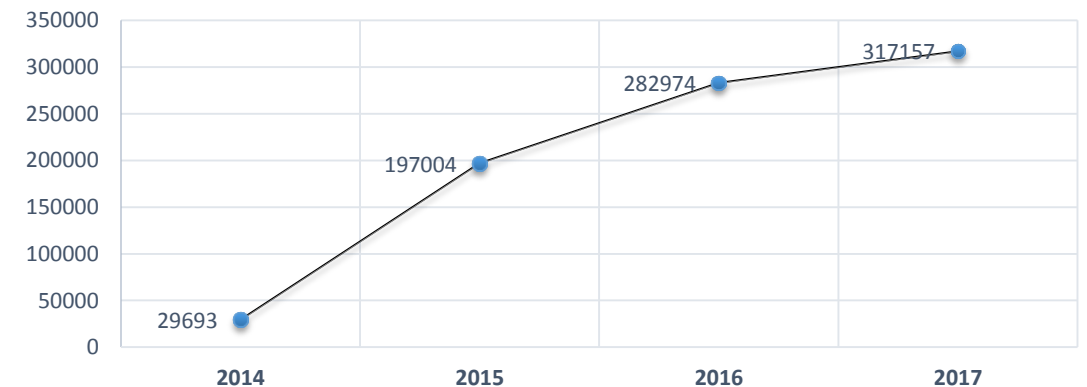
- exports to Turkey increased in recent years ;
- 45 % of the EU export to Turkey is through BG.



LIVESTOCK EXPORT THROUGH BG-TR ROAD EXIT
2014-2017



LIVE RUMINANTS EXPORT BG-TR ROAD EXIT
2014-2017, animals n



EU Export to Turkey by road exit "Kapitan Andreevo", BG

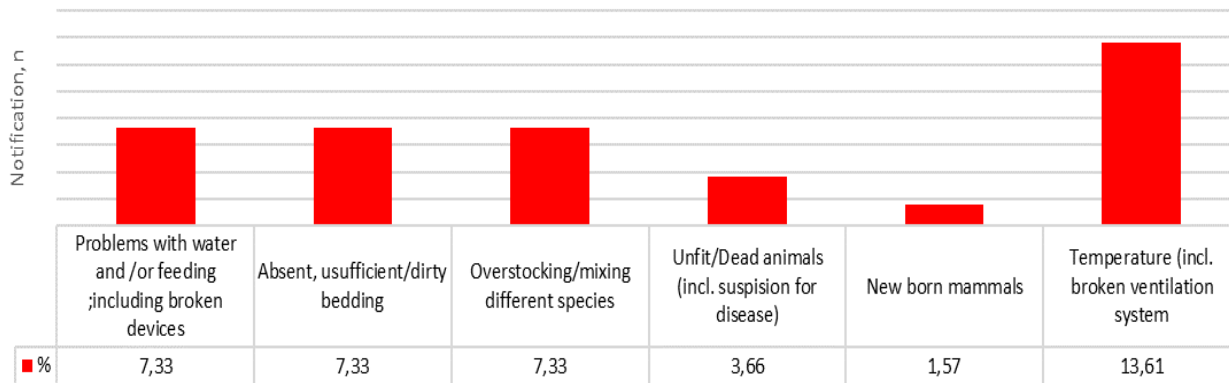
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Critical issues for welfare during transport reported at the road exit point BG-TR

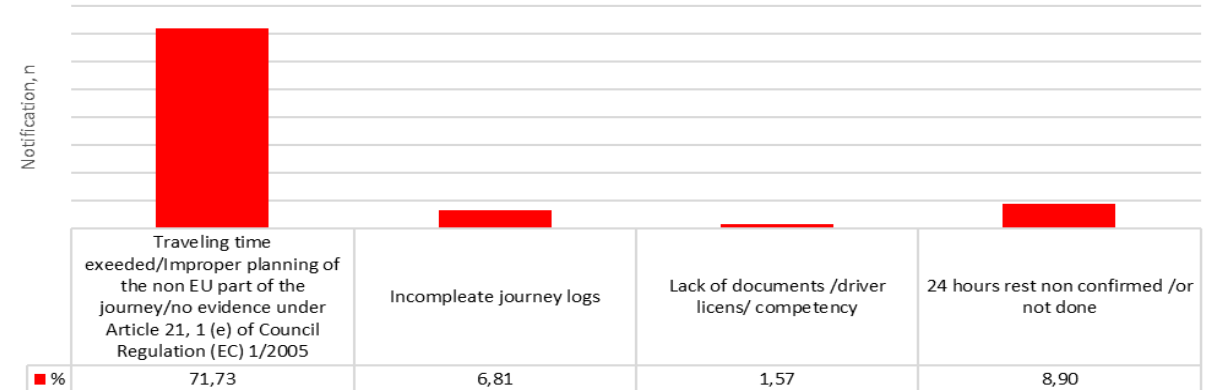
Transport conditions during long journeys

The type of animal welfare non-compliances reported indicated that this situation had resulted in "**exceeded travelling times**" and "**travel conditions**" non-compliances

% non compliance related to **transport conditions**, 2017



% non compliance related to **travel time and resting**, 2017



Critical issues for AW during transport to be addressed

- ✓ Drivers competences
- ✓ Water and feed
- ✓ Duration and rest
- ✓ Mixed species, age,
- ✓ Pregnant more than 90%
- ✓ Unfit, dead animals
- ✓ Handling animals
- ✓ Road traffic
- ✓ Weather conditions
- ✓ Disease control



Enforcement of the AW Regulation during transport - priority for Bulgaria.



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✓ *Reaction/measures addressing situation*

AW Conference within WP CVO,

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 24, 2018

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2018

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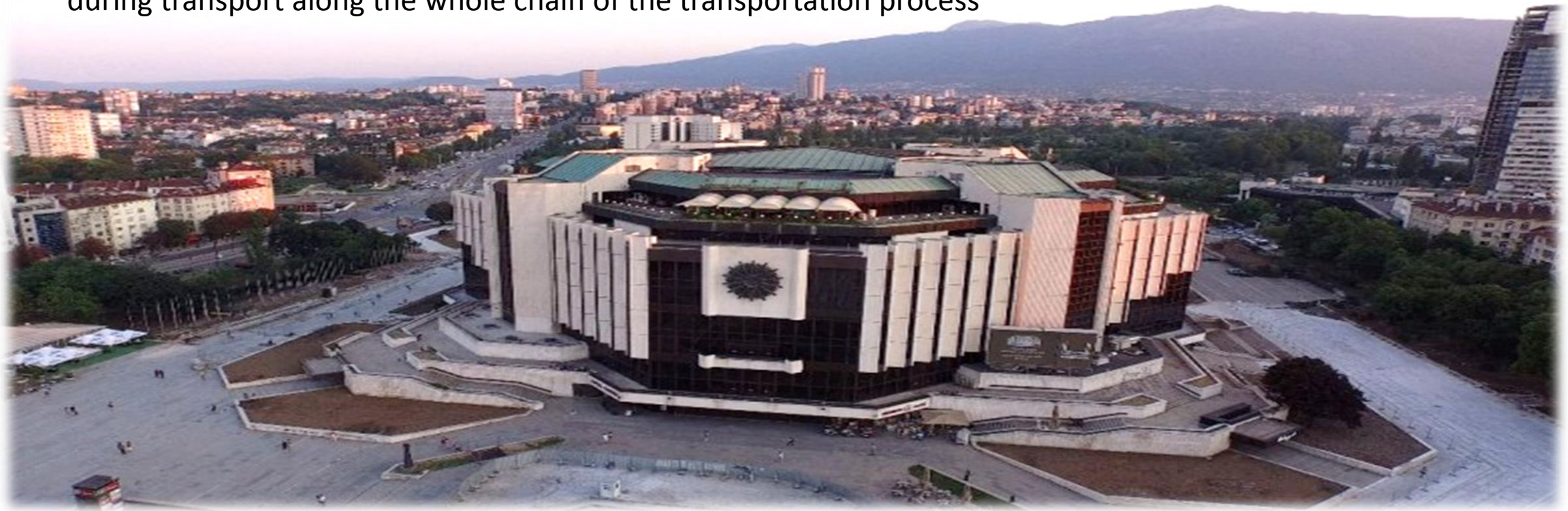
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24 April 2018 (Su, Sa) – Animal welfare during transport conference

Goals:

- Strengthening the implementation of **the current EU legislation and the international standards** related to AW during transport along the whole chain of the transportation process



AW Conference within WP CVO,

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 24, 2018

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Objectives:

- Exchanging views, sharing experience, lessons learnt, challenges and best practices
- identifying the main cornerstones and measures/actions to be taken
- highlighting the need for networking, close coordination and cooperation between MSs and third countries
- encouraging the work with view of ensuring equivalence in implementation of EU requirements on AW by all stakeholders at international level.

Conclusion and outcome:

- Recommendations
- Discussions at WP of CVO



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With regard to the operators:

1. The operators should pay particular attention to plan the journey properly and ensure the fitness of animals during the whole journey.

The following issues should be taken into account when planning the journey:

- Temperature forecast. All transport longer than 8 hours should be avoided, when the outside temperatures are going to be high (over 30 C), unless the trucks have a ventilation system capable to maintain a range of temperatures from 5 C to 30 C within the means of transport.
- Capacity and availability, including booking the operational control posts on the route to final destination.
- Operational time needed (at least 6,5 hours) for crossing the Bulgarian – Turkish border (including for undergoing the required inspections).
- Working hours at the Turkish inspection post (8 h a day).
- Proper contingency planning
- Animal health situation in the countries of transit.

2. All actors involved in handling the animals during transport should be trained. The Animal Transport Guides developed within the European Commission, DG Sante project should be used for this purpose.

3. All stakeholders in particular traders, transporters, organizations are required to ensure proper implementation of the AW transport rules.

Recommendation

With regard to MSs and European Commission

1. Commission and MSs should promote awareness and establish a common understanding on AW during transport among all stakeholders.

2. The notification of non-compliance should be sent to the NCPs and CVO. The CA should further inspect each notification of non-compliances by operators and appropriate measures should be taken.

3. Dissemination and sharing of information, promotion of national good practices on handling, caring and control of animal transport, transfer of knowledge and better communication are identified as key elements for better application and understanding of EU legislation.

4. To continue supporting the activities of the OIE AW Platform for Europe on long distance transport to avoid duplication of work and to complement the EU activities on this area.

5. The European Commission should continue promoting the EU AW requirements in and outside EU through different instruments: seminars, conferences, trainings and capacity building (BTSF, TAIEX).

6. Facilitating and further improving the implementation of the AW standards using all means available.

1. Animal welfare during transport

National situation

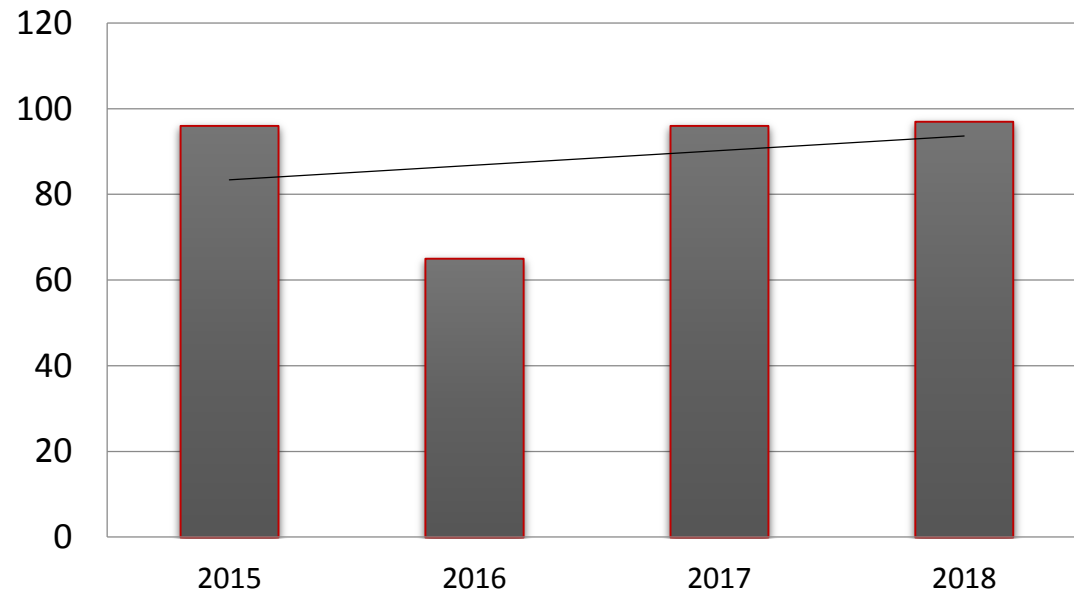
Activities/Measures taken.....

- To transporters, organizers:
 - Raising attention (guidelines (incl . Guides by Animal Transport Guides Project AW Guide Project) meetings and trainings)
 - Increased control
 - **CONTINGENCY PLANS**
 - Prescription, penalties
- At BIPs
 - immediate notification to the CP concerned and CVO (mails, phone)
 - attention to the entire journey planning - count 6 hours at least for crossing the borders; considering the working time of TR border control, if time exceeded return the trucks to the nearest control post
- National level
 - Fees/penalties issued at the border/control posts;
 - Fast line for crossing border (many CAs are involved)
 - Monitoring and control of the providers of education on AW transport
 - International cooperation

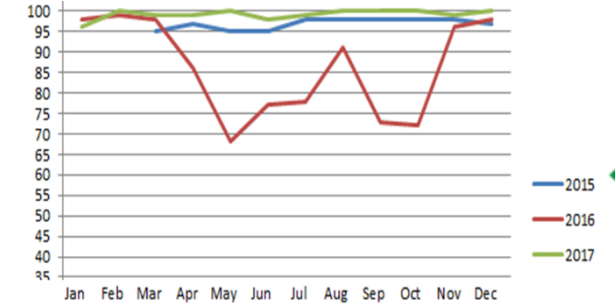


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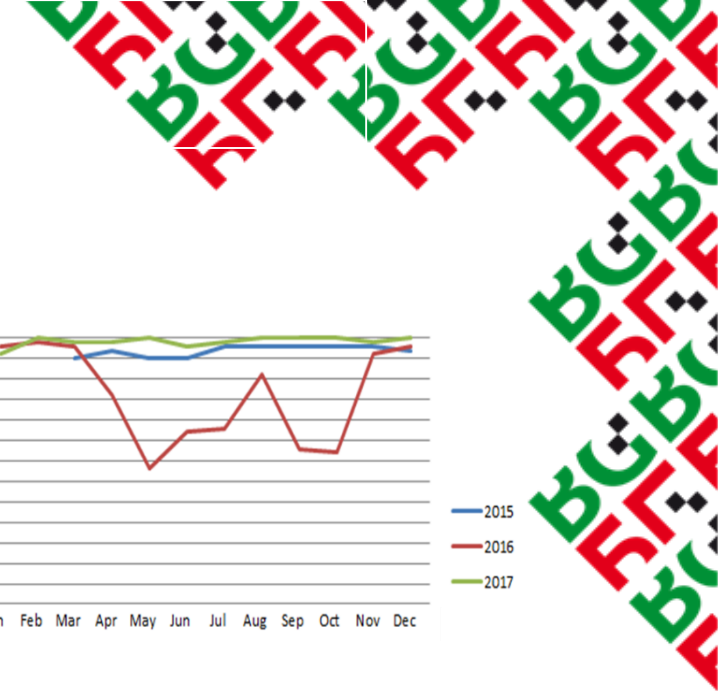
% of the compliance



■ % AW non compliance
— Linear (% AW non compliance)



Data course: TRACES, report by KA BIP



2. Other

2.1 Pet animals movement: Illegal movement/trade in pet animals

National priority

1. Activities/measures taken

- ✓ Enhanced control :
 - identification and registration of dogs
 - registration of cats into the national database ?
 - breeding and keeping of pets
 - movement of pets
- ✓ Amendment of the national legislation and rules
- ✓ Cooperation with other Institutions/Authorities
- ✓ Support and cooperation by NGOs



2. Discussion raised at WP CVO - the Commission Report on the implementation of Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 on the non-commercial movement of pet animals

- ✓ the need to combat illegal pet movement/trade;
- ✓ concerns and suggestions;
- ✓ a complex issue involving criminal activities and requiring the involvement of many different competent authorities



2. Other

2.2 Animal Welfare in pigs – national priority

- National Action plan : to minimize % tail docking
- Control/inspections
- Improvement measures undertaken by farmers and outcomes monitoring
- Awareness; educational materials (transition of EU leaflets)
- Cooperation with stakeholders

National priority



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Bulgaria will continue working on these topics.....

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

