

EU animal welfare activities on export of live animals

***PAFF Committee
Section Animal Health and Welfare
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*Units G2 and F2
Directorate for Health and Food Safety*





Background

- *Increasing pressure to ban the export to Turkey*
- *NGOs complaints on export of live animals to Turkey*
- *Lumpy Skin Disease occurrence in Bulgaria*
- *EU legislation needs to be better enforced*



Actions taken by the EC

- *A letter to all CVOs on export checks:*
 - *Planning of journeys*
 - *Control posts*
 - *Approval of means of transport for long journeys*
 - *Emergency measures*
 - *Share the letter with other authorities*
- *DG SANTE expects more factual feedback from MS*



Actions taken by the EC⁽²⁾

- *Point on AW during transport/export in the Agenda of:*
 - ***PAFF Committee on 6 July***
 - ***Council Working Party of the CVOs on 12 July***
- *A letter to the CVO of Turkey (19 July 2016) asking:*
 - ***To introduce priority lane for live animals***
 - ***To extend opening hours***
 - ***To upgrade facilities such as water, feed and unloading***



Actions taken by the EC⁽³⁾

- *Reply from Turkey (on 20 September) informing on:*
 - **Project for renovation**
 - **No unfavourable AW situation**
 - **Work to decrease the waiting time at the BIP**
- *Suggestions to EU to improve:*
 - **AW checks at EU territory**
 - **Veterinary health certificates**
 - **Difficulties to reject/return non-compliant consignments**
 - **Lumpy Skin Disease – restriction to use the control post of BG**
 - **Unrealistic journey logs**



Actions taken by the EC⁽⁴⁾

- *Permanent contact with Bulgarian authorities:*
 - *Teleconference (19 April)*
 - *Regular correspondence/exchange*
 - *Commissioner met the Minister of Agriculture (9 September) asking for:*
 - *more dissuasive sanctions*
 - *regular data to the Commission*



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Actions taken by the EC⁽⁵⁾

- *Targeted actions of Directorate F, Unit F2 :*
 - ***Network Document on Checks Before Journeys of Live Animals Destined for Export***
 - ***National Contact Point (NCP) meeting***
 - *(13-15 September 2016, Grange)*
 - ***Project on the Transport of live animals to non-EU countries aiming to:***
 - *decrease breaches at exit points*
 - *decrease delays/rejections entering non EU countries*



Future plans

- *Regular point on AW in the Agenda of PAFF Committee*
- *Next Meeting of NCPs on transport - first half of 2017 (tbc)*
- *Audit missions on transport in MS (coming soon)*



Feedback from Member States

- *Implementation of the letter to CVOs*
- *Actions taken by MS to improve the welfare of exported animals (more factual data)*



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Thank you for your attention!

