

Organizing the export of cattle via road to a non-EU country?

Good preparation safeguards animal welfare and avoids foreseeable problems and costs

Planning the journey:

- Include all stages of the journey until final destination in the non-EU country (=place where the animals stay for more than 48 hours or place where the animal is slaughtered) in section 1 of the Journey Log
- When calculating the journey time, review and include:
 - Loading and unloading operations; loading starts when the first animal is loaded and unloading ends when the last animal is unloaded
 - Watering/Feeding/Resting intervals
 - Drivers' breaks
 - Waiting times and opening hours at borders (note that they may be different during public holidays)
 - Additional customs checks in transit countries and in the importing country
 - Road conditions

Long journeys = over 8 hours, including (un)loading and stops

Animals	Duration of transport		
Cattle	Max. 14 hours transport	Min. 1 hour rest (watering and feeding)	Max. 14 hours transport

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

- Check long-term weather forecast and average temperature countries of transit and destination. The temperature range inside the truck must be between 5°C and 30°C¹ (with a +/- 5°C tolerance).
- Plan drivers' schedules to comply with mandatory requirements and prevent unnecessary delays in the journeys for the animals².

¹ See Regulation EC 1/2005 Annex I Chapter VI point 3.1.

² see Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport and amending Council Regulations (EEC) No 3821/85 and (EC) No 2135/98 and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85

