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## OIE network of National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

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## ■ Background

Animal transport - very sensitive topic in Europe

EU Platform - dedicated sub-group

OIE Platform - priority topic since 2014

- OIE capacity building activities 2017-2018

  - Regional network of experts

- Whole Journey Scenario (April, 2018)

NFP AW seminar in The Hague, June 2019

EU Network of Contact Points - Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005

facilitate cooperation and communication between the CA of the Member States

# Terms of Reference

The Contact point is placed under the supervision of the OIE delegate.

- Should be actively involved at national level, on a daily basis, in the supervision or control of long-distance transportation of live animals, including its animal welfare dimension, upon exportation, transit and/or importation.
- Should be allowed to have direct exchanges of information, mainly by email, with the network of Contact Points on practical issues pertaining a future, ongoing or recent consignment of animals.
- Should maintain a high level of coordination with the OIE National Focal Point for Animal Welfare

# Proposed tasks

- to establish operational communication links with the other CP in Europe:
- to provide, upon request of another CP and within the shortest possible delay, accurate information such as approved border inspection posts (opening hours, capacity), approved control posts / resting points (location, capacity), approved means of transport or vessels, national regulation, etc.
- to inform the CP of the country of origin, and of the possible countries of transit along the route, of any non-compliance or problem observed upon control of a specific consignment.
- to address, if possible, any assistance request from another CP
- to keep the Delegate and Focal Point informed of his/her CP Point activity.

# Advantages and possible difficulties

## *Advantages*

- OIE is very well positioned for establishing communication and coordination between CA
- reinforcing the links between EU and Eastern part of Europe
- supplementary activity to OIE Platform
- Practical support for implantation of the standards
- Relatively cheap and easy

## *Possible difficulties*

- Administrative/political/cultural constraints
- Reluctance to create a third OIE function at country level
- Language issue

## *OIE network of National Contact Points on Long-Distance Transportation in Europe*

### *Terms of Reference*

All OIE Delegates in Europe are invited to nominate a Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation (hereafter 'the Contact point').

#### **The National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation**

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Should be allowed to have direct exchanges of information, mainly by email, with the network of Contact Points (hereafter 'the Network') on practical issues pertaining a future, ongoing or recent consignment of animals.

Should maintain a high level of coordination with the OIE National Focal Point for Animal Welfare (hereafter 'the Focal Point').

#### *Proposed tasks of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation:*

1. to establish operational communication links with the other Contact Points in Europe.
2. To provide, upon request of another Contact point and within the shortest possible delay, accurate information such as approved border inspection posts (opening hours, capacity), approved control posts / resting points (location, capacity), approved means of transport or vessels, national regulation, etc.
3. To inform the Contact points of the country of origin, and of the possible countries of transit along the route, of any non-compliance or problem observed upon control of a specific consignment.
4. To address, if possible, any assistance request from another Contact Point.
5. To keep the Delegate and Focal Point informed of his/her Contact Point activity.

#### **The network of National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation in Europe**

The Secretariat of the OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe is responsible for establishing and keeping up-to-date the list of Contact points in Europe.

The list is not made publicly available but shared outside of the OIE only with the Delegates, the Focal Points and the Contact Points in Europe.]

Any general information sent to the Network should be copied to the Delegates and Focal Points.

The OIE Platform may organize events, such as meetings of the Network, aimed at allowing the Contact Points to better know each other, discuss common issues, share best practises related to long-distance transportation, etc.