

Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation¹

All OIE Delegates of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe are invited to nominate a National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation (hereafter 'Contact Point') and consequently inform the OIE. The Delegate shall inform OIE whenever there is a change of the nominated Contact Point.

The National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation

Is placed under the supervision of the OIE Delegate.

Should be regularly, actively and directly involved at national level in the supervision or control of long-distance transportation of live animals, including the animal welfare dimension, upon exportation, transit and/or importation.

Should be allowed to have direct exchanges of information, by email and other forms of communication, 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 coordination with the OIE National Focal Point for Animal Welfare (hereafter 'the Focal Point'), when Contact Point and Focal Point are different.

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

1. To establish and maintain direct operational communication links with the other Contact Points in Europe, especially with those in countries with which there is regular trade and with those in countries through which long distance journeys transit.
2. To provide, upon request of another Contact Point, and within the shortest possible delay, accurate information, such as approved border posts (opening hours of Customs and Veterinary Services offices, capacity), approved/registered control posts / resting points (location, capacity species and ages of animals catered for), approved/authorised vehicles/vessels, national regulation, etc.
3. To inform the Contact Points of the country of origin, possible countries of transit along the route, or any other relevant country, 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 OIE Delegate and the Focal Point informed of his/her activities as Contact Point.

The network of National Contact Points on Long-Distance Transportation in Europe

The Secretariat of the OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe is responsible for establishing and keeping updated the list of National Contact Points in Europe.

The list will not be made publicly available but shared only with the OIE Delegates, the Focal Points and the National Contact Points in Europe.

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

The OIE Platform may organize meetings of the Network, allowing the Contact Points to discuss common issues and share best practises related to long-distance transportation.