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Multi-regional Whole Journey
Scenario workshop on long-distance
transport by land and by sea between
Europe, the Middle East, and North
Africa Countries

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Introduction

- Republic of Lebanon is a country in <u>Western Asia</u>. It is located between <u>Syria</u> to <u>the north and</u> <u>east</u> and <u>Palestine</u> to <u>the south</u>.
- Lebanon is home to roughly six million people and covers an area of 10,452 square kilometers





Overview of country livestock transport and trade 1/2

- Lebanon mainly imported livestock for slaughtering and breeding from Europe and South America by sea.
- Number of exported/imported animals and trends:

Number of exported animals from Lebanon				
	cattle	Sheep		
2021	0			
2022		0		

Number of imported animals to Lebanon				
	Breeding cattle	Slaughtering cattle	Sheep & goat	
2021	2600	110000	95000	
2022	1670	85000	67000	



Overview of country livestock transport and trade 2/2

The Harbor of Beirut is the main border control post for livestock entrance to Lebanon.

Refer to USB picture

Competent Authority(ies)

Animal Resources Directorate at Ministry of Agriculture is the Competent Authority implementing standards on animal welfare due to the law number 47 dated 2017

Lebanese law nb. 47 dated 2017

National animal welfare standards

Animal Protection and Welfare Law.pdfAnimal Protection and Welfare Law.pdf

Implementation of the standards

Refer to law 47

Monitoring and evaluation

Refer to low 47

Cross-border transport of animals

Refer to law 47 - article 5

Conclusions

Since the issuing of the Animal Welfare Law, Lebanon is complying progressively with WOAH AW guidelines, especially in issues related to:

- 1- "killing for disease control purpose", (Glanders),
- 2- Stray dog population control (Rabies Strategic plan)
- 3- Animal welfare during long distance transport of animals by sea and by Air.

Nevertheless, the implementation is sometime hindered by illegal interventions, lack of budget, lack of awareness of the private sector, training of the veterinary inspectors, etc.

Also, the financial crisis since October 2019, the COVID - 19 pandemic and the Blast of Beirut Harbor, impacted deeply the normal life in all sectors in the country.

Hopefully, 2023 and the years to come will show the rise again of the country of the Cedars

Thank you

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