

Country report on animal welfare during long distance transport by land and sea

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Legal basis

- Romania is an EU Member State since 2007, when EC Regulation no. 1/2005 had to be applied in all its elements.
- In order to support its application in the field, some additional steps were necessary, that meaning the publishing of national normative acts.
- The most recent legal act were adopted in 2020, related to export of live animals to third countries and approval of sea livestock vessels and requirements for transport by sea.

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• The recent legislation

- ❑ **Law no. 150/2020** – adopted by the Romanian Parliament on the export of live animals through which some of good practice examples were set as mandatory provisions.

For example: road transport at temperatures over 30 degrees Celsius implies increasing of space with 10 %; maritime transport at temperature exceeding 35 degrees Celsius implies increasing of space with 15 %, separate transport for horned and un-horned animals, the presence of a veterinarian all along the journey until the final destination (*for journeys that exceed 10 maritime days*)

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- ❑ **Order of the NSFSA`s president no. 128/1669 from 2020** that stipulates the evaluation procedure of vessels intended for animal transport. What is new - experts from other competent authorities- the naval authority and independent authorised engineers (inspectors) are now part of the team that performs the evaluation. Also, the validity of the authorisation is now reduces to 3 years (former was 5 years).

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- ❑ **Order of the NSFSA`s president no. 60 from 2021**, for the approval of the Methodological Norms for the application of Law no. 150/2020 regarding the protection of animals intended for export to third countries – detailing the provisions for veterinarian that must accompany sea transport exceeding 10 maritime days
- ❑ **New draft for the Government Decision no 984** that details the sanctions for infringements to sanitary veterinary norms. The penalties and enforcements provided in this version had been established in order to fully address the effectiveness, dissuasiveness and proportionate of sanctions.



Romania exports live animals and has concluded partnerships with 26 thirty countries

By sea:

Arabia Saudită, China, Egipt, Emiratele Arabe Unite, **Iordania**, **Irak**, Iran, **Israel**, Kuweit, **Liban**, **Libia**, Maroc, Mexic, Tunisia, **Turcia**, Qatar

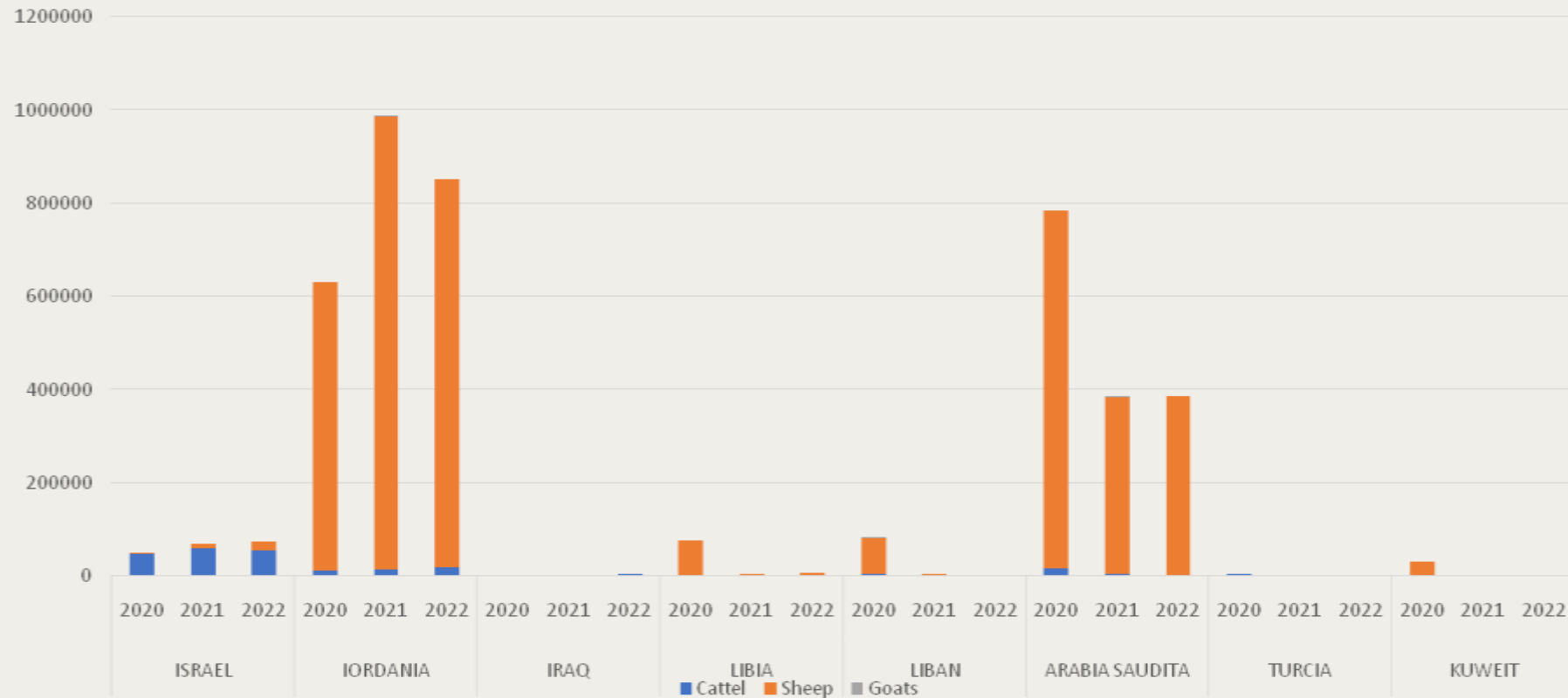
By land:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, **Bosnia și Herțegovina**, Georgia, Kazakhstan, **Kosovo**, Macedonia, Moldova, **Serbia**, **Turcia**, Qatar



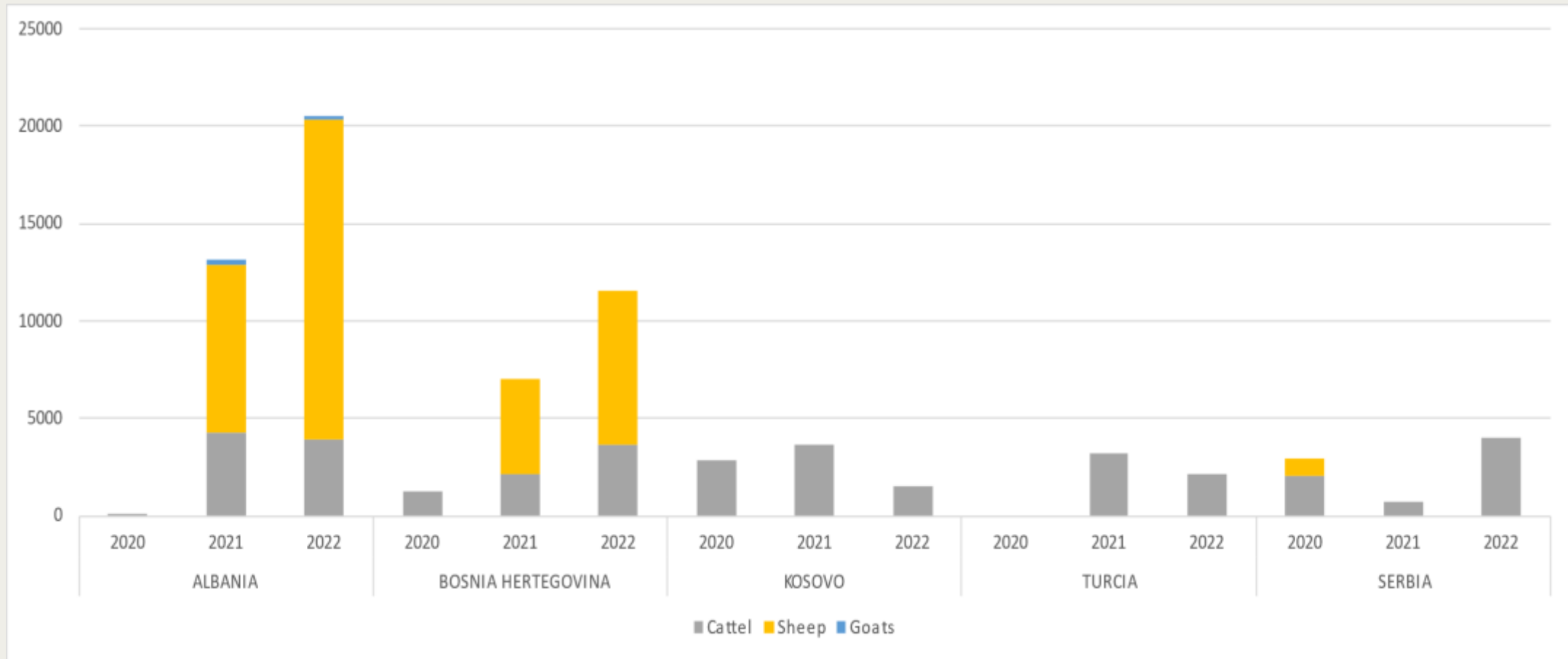
Total number of exported animals by sea :

By sea:



Total number of exported animals by land :

By land:





MAPS: border control post



Competent Authority(ies)

In Romania, National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority is the Competent Authority responsible for animal welfare during transport by land and sea.

Other Authorities involved in the cross-border transport of animals by land and sea are the Minister of Business of Internal Affairs that carries out traffic control, Romanian Naval Authority and Border Police.

National animal welfare standards

Romania applies the requirements established by Regulation 1/2005 for the inspection of animals before, during and after travel.

The „fitness to travel,, is understood as fitness for transport, such as defined in Regulation 1/2005. At the place of departure the official veterinarian checks the conditions and fills in the specific inspection checklist, certifying also the health status.

The checklists were established at central level, distributed to all counties and can be found also on the NSVFSA`S website, they are intended to assure a unitary way of verification for all inspectors.

For facilities, containers and vehicles for the transport of animals, provisions are set out in the national legislation, Order no. 16/2010 for approval of the Veterinary Sanitary Norm regarding the registration/sanitary-veterinary authorization procedure of units/collection centres/farms of origin and means of transport in the field of animal health and welfare.

National animal welfare standards

Transporters of live animals are obliged to entrust their handling only to persons who hold a certificate of competence, according to national Order no. 201/2007, modified of the Order no. 135/2021 of the President of NSVFSA regarding the procedure for issuing the Certificate of Professional Competence for drivers and attendants on road vehicles transporting live animals.

Implementation of the standards, monitoring and evaluation

CA performs official controls at the place of departure, during transport, at exit points in order to verify the efficient implementation of animal welfare requirements.

In some specific conditions (extreme heat/cold weather, others) targeted controls are performed, mainly next to border exit points, in order to verify that imposed restrictions are respected.

The efficiency and effectiveness of official controls performed by county directorates is verified through inspections from the CCA.

Cross-border transport of animals

We have a specific procedure regarding animal welfare SP 20 – „Border control of the welfare of animals destined for export,,. Road means of transport are verified by the official veterinarian from BCP/EP at unloading, in order to approve the loading of animals onto the vessels.

For long-term journeys, by sea, the export of animals is carried out through the Midia Constanta Exit Point

Through the network of national contact points, the problems identified are reported to the sending country. Romania has received these kind of reports mainly from the state of Israel (issues related to high density of loading, insufficient bedding material).

Conclusions

We consider that Romania is in compliance with WOAH standards regarding animal welfare during long distance and cross border transport.

In addition, the national legislation was elaborated, namely Law no.150/202 and with a view to the correct application of the regulation, periodic are organized trainings with the sanitary veterinary personnel as well as with the representatives of the operators who carry out export operations.

Main challenges – those dealing with transport by sea referring to responsibility of the captain during the whole journey, emergency plans for sea transport.

Thank you

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