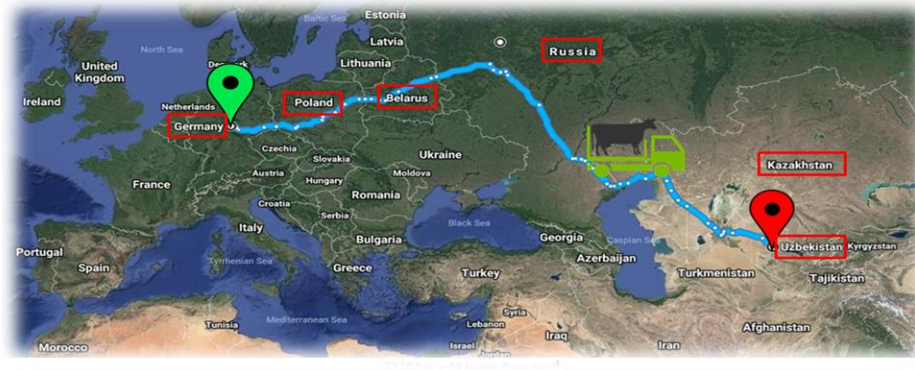




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General Veterinary Inspectorate



- Competent Authority responsible for control of animal welfare during long transport in Poland is Veterinary Inspection:
 - DVO is responsible for:
 - control of animals before loading and after unloading;
 - control of vehicle;
 - control of journey time (verification of section I of journey log and control of journey log and data from navigation system after a journey);
 - control of the documents: approval for transporter; certificate for mean of transport; licence of competence
 - BIP is responsible for above mentioned during the control at exit point.
- Road Transport Inspection is a responsible for control of i.e. animal welfare during the transport (they have a power to stop the vehicle on the road and perform the control)
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Checks at exit points

- Exit points are the same as BIPs for animals
- Check on welfare is done on the basis of Reg. 1/2005
- Documents:
 - valid authorisation for transporting company
 - Certificate of competence for drivers and attendants
 - Navigation system
 - Transport time not exceeded the time limits
 - Record of welfare check in section III of journey log
- Check of animals: the space, the condition of animals, water, feed, temperature, etc...
- Part III of INTRA document in TRACES system is completed.

Minimum standards for animal welfare



- Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005,
- Veterinary Inspection Act

According to this Act the Veterinary Inspection is responsible for:

- inspection of animals before, during and after their travel – specially checking if the animals are fit for travel acc. to chapter I od annex 1 of regulation
- Approval of transporter of animals (short – or long distance), certifying the longdistance vehicles
- Certifying the competence of drivers and attendences.

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As described Article 7.3.3. point 6 a. of the [Chapter 7.3 of OIE TAHC](#)

Facilities and means of transport



Standards for facilities, containers and vehicles for the transport of animals are set in chapter II and VI of annex I to Council Regulation 1/2005

Vehicles for long distance journey has to be approved by DVO and *Certificate of approval of means of transport by road for long journeys* has to be issued by DVO.

As described Article 7.3.3. point 6 b. of [Chapter 7.3 of OIE TAHC](#)



Competences

According to the Reg. 1/2005 the driver and attendance person has to participate in the course concerning animal welfare during transport. And after the course he must pass the exam what is the basis for issuing the ***Certificate of competence for drivers and attendants***

According to the Animal Protection Law the DVO is responsible for:

- certifying the training centre;
- organizing the exam ;
- issuing the certificate of competence.



Implementation of the standards

The competent authority for implementing the standards concerning animal welfare is the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The producers or entities can establish *Best Practices* but it is not obliged by a law.

As described Article 7.3.3. point 6 e. of [Chapter 7.3 of OIE TAHC](#)



Use of veterinary medication

Please describe the responsibility of the Competent Authority in monitoring and evaluating the use of veterinary medications in your country?

The Veterinary Inspection is supervising the using of medication treatment of animals.

As described Article 7.3.3. point 6 g. of [Chapter 7.3 of OIE TAHC](#)



Cross-border transport of animals

Please describe the 'procedure' for giving priority for animal consignments at borders to limit unnecessary delays in your country?

There is an electronical system in place at border crosses SOC-T to register all consignments. When consignment of animals arrives is send by customs to veterinary control directly.

When this control is finished (with positive result) it returns to customs and is released immediately.

The consignments leaves the border using priority line .

As described Article 7.3.3. point 6 h. of [Chapter 7.3 of OIE TAHC](#)



Reporting significant animal welfare problems

In case of a significant animal welfare problem occurring during the journey in your country, do you report back to the 'sending' Competent Authorities?

District Veterinary Officer when recognising non conformity in welfare informs General Veterinary Officer. DVO sends with this information all relevant documents relating to animals. GVO analysis the documents and informs competent authority of country (including contact points)

As described Article 7.3.3. point 8 of [Chapter 7.3 of OIE TAHC](#)



Conclusions

Transport of animals is a very complicated operation and many factors have an influence on it.

The most difficult part is good preparation for unforeseen occurrences - this is main challenge for transporters and for veterinary services.

Thank you for your attention!

