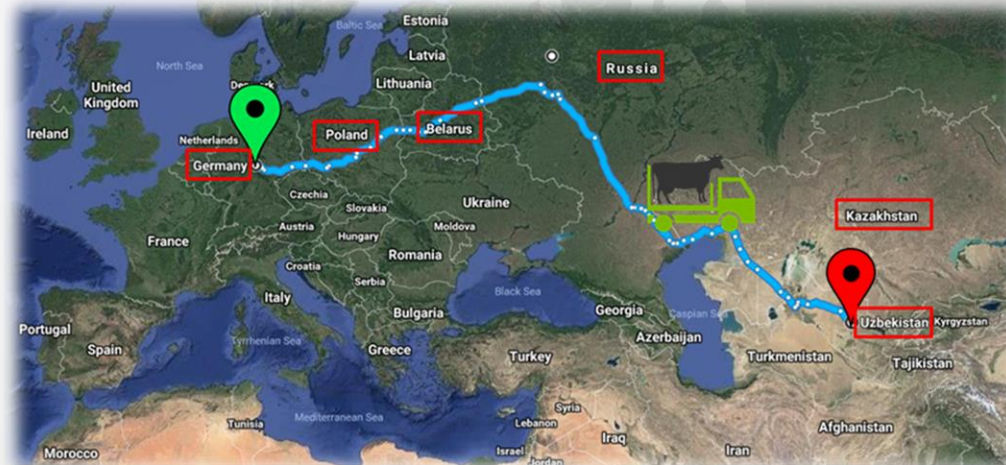




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**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES  
IN LONG DISTANCE TRANSPORT**

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- establishing minimum standards for animal welfare, including
  - requirements for inspection of animals before, during and after their travel,
  - defining 'fitness to travel' and
  - appropriate certification and record keeping;

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- setting standards for facilities, containers and vehicles for the transport of animals;

*establishing requirements for loading and unloading facilities (assembling points, resting points)*

*establishing requirements for means of transport*

*establishing procedures for registration and approval*

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- setting standards for the competence of animal handlers, drivers and managers of facilities in relevant issues in animal welfare;

*establishing requirements for minimum competence (knowledge and skills ) for personnel involved in transport of animals according to their responsibilities*

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- ensuring appropriate awareness and training of animal handlers, drivers and managers of facilities in relevant issues in animal welfare;

*organization of trainings by CA or by other bodies such training centres, professional schools etc.*

*approval of training programs,*

*examination,*

*certification*

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- implementation of the standards, including through accreditation of / interaction with other organisations;

*registration and approval business operators  
transporting companies, means of transport*

*checks of transport before departure*

*regular inspection of transports and facilities*

*establishing collaboration with other services police,  
transport inspections etc.*

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- monitoring and evaluating the use of veterinary medications;

Medication used prophylactically or therapeutically should be approved by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country and the importing country and should only be administered by a veterinarian or other person who has been instructed in their use by a veterinarian

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of standards of health and other aspects of welfare;

*national control plans*

*internal audits*

*external audit programs*



## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- To ensure that each border post and quarantine station are equipped with facilities for the feeding and watering of animals.

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- Providing adequate advance notice of the date of entry, stating the number of animals, species, border post, veterinary certification

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- giving animal consignments priority at frontiers in order to allow them to pass without unnecessary delay

*Establishing procedures for animal transports (separated border lines, fast tracks, working hours, coordination of checks and procedures with other authorities)*

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- Collaborate with Customs for coordinated border management

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- Taking proper actions in the event of a refusal to allow the completion of the journey

- **Possible causes:** documentation, especially the veterinary certificate (not completed; damaged, fraudulent, expired etc), no identification or animal health issues, etc

***The welfare of the animals should be the first consideration***

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- Taking proper actions in the event of a refusal to allow the completion of the journey
  - **Unload animals from a vehicle** in isolation facilities and provide water and feed as necessary, pending resolution of the situation, if animals remain on the vehicle, the priorities is provide animals with **water and feed** as necessary

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- Taking proper actions in the event of a refusal to allow the completion of the journey
  - provide urgently in writing the **reasons for the refusal**
  - taking **possible immediate actions** to address the causes of refusal:
    - certificate replacement, verification of documents, confirmation of animal identification
    - or
    - provide urgent access to a independent veterinarian to assess the health status of the animals with regard to the concerns

## POSSIBLE OUTCOMES

- The matter can be promptly resolved with permission to continue the journey
- The matter can be promptly resolved with refusal to continue journey and with decision that animals are returned, or slaughter, or killed and destroyed
- the matter cannot be promptly resolved, the Competent Authorities of the exporting and importing countries should call on the OIE to mediate.



## **OIE informal procedure for dispute mediation**

OIE maintains a voluntary in-house mechanism for assisting Member Countries to resolve differences. In-house procedures that will apply are that:

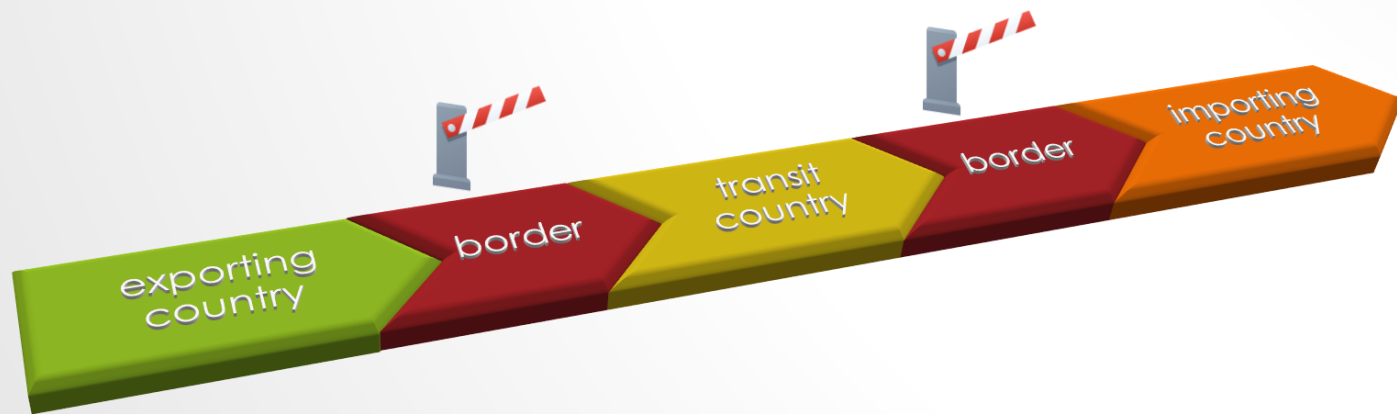
- Both parties agree to give the OIE a mandate to assist them in resolving their differences.
- If considered appropriate, the Director General of the OIE recommends an expert, or experts, and a chairman, as requested, agreed by both parties.
- Both parties agree on the terms of reference and working programme, and to meet all expenses incurred by the OIE.
- The expert or experts are entitled to seek clarification of any of the information and data provided by either country in the assessment or consultation processes, or to request additional information or data from either country.
- The expert or experts submit a confidential report to the Director General of the OIE, who then transmits it to both parties.

## The **responsibilities** of **Competent Authorities**

- reporting back to the sending Competent Authority on significant animal welfare problems which occurred during the journey.

*Importing countries / Transit countries*

*Establishing communication channels and procedures for reporting*



The collaboration between Competent Authorities of countries along the whole journey is essential element to ensure the welfare of animals during long and cross-border transport

# CONCLUSIONS:

When Competent Authority should collaborate

- **Before the journey**

- agreement between the importing country and exporting country on conditions and requirements including certification
- advance notification – animals, means of transport and of the border post to be used

- During the journey

- After the journey

# CONCLUSIONS:

When Competent Authority should collaborate

- Before the journey

- **During the journey**

in case of any issue preventing the completion of the journey - to take immediate actions to resolve the matter

- After the journey

# CONCLUSIONS:

When Competent Authority should collaborate

- Before the journey
- During the journey
- **After the journey**

to report any significant animal welfare issues that occurred during journey

# CONCLUSIONS:

Why Competent Authority should collaborate:

- to take immediate actions
- to corrective actions latter

# THANK YOU!



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