

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

Portugal

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

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Competent Authority(ies)

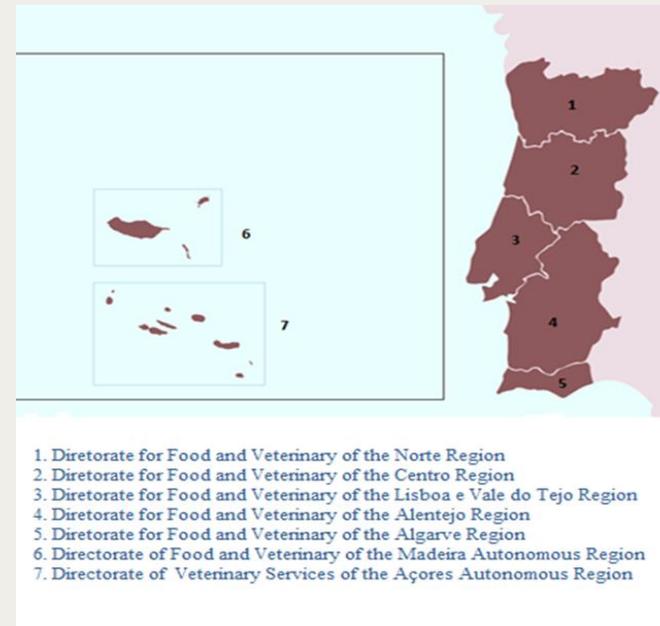
General Direction of Food and Veterinary (DGAV)

- ✓ Animal Health
- ✓ Animal Welfare
- ✓ Animal Identification
- ✓ Food Safety
- ✓ Feed
- ✓ Animal By-products

PSC- Sea transport- Since 2023, its obligatory the presence of a maritime surveyor during the AW inspections

Police- GNR and PSP

Location of the DGAV Services

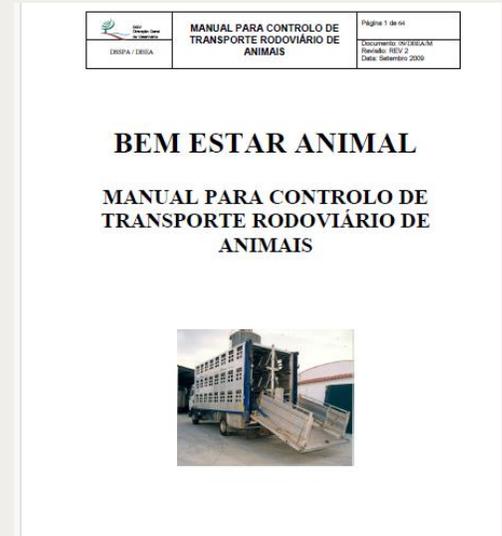
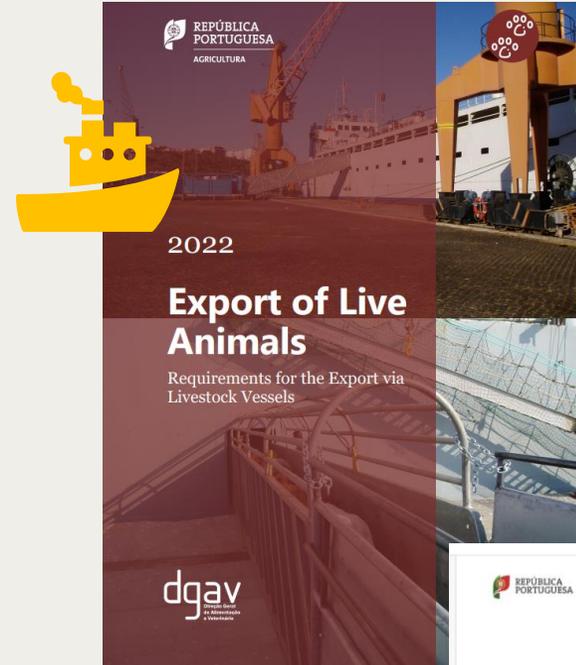


Central Services :
Head Office
Lisbon

- Regional Services (DSAVR):**
- 1 - DSAVRN
 - 2 - DSAVRC
 - 3 - DSAVRLVT
 - 4 - DSAVRAL
 - 5 - DSAVRALG

Role of DGAV

- Legislation, Procedures, guides of good practices, national control plan
- Transporters authorization and means of transport certification
- Means of transport certification and controls; loading operations- all the operations; Control plan-controls to loading operation (PPA)
- Training of Official
- Work with the organizers and transporters-regular meetings and sensibilization sessions
- Measures in case of non compliance-notifications, sanctions and suspension/withdraw. Not allowing the load of animals in specific vessels/operations.
- Communication with the CA of destination and CA of other MS

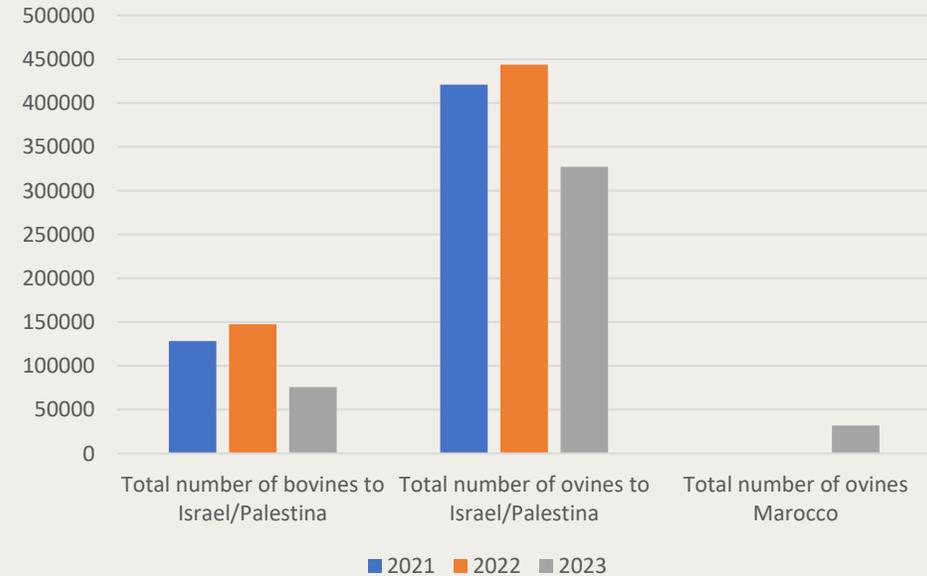
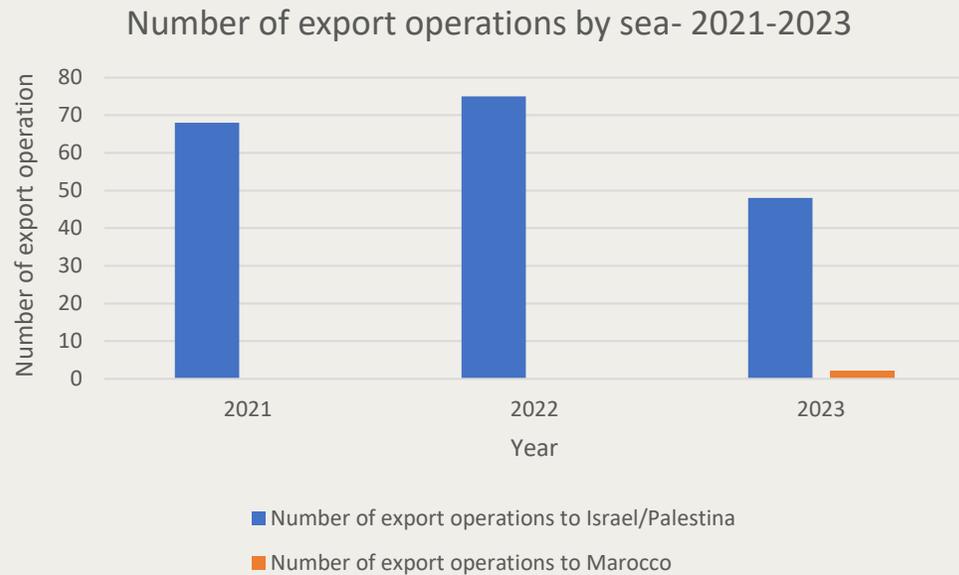




Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East

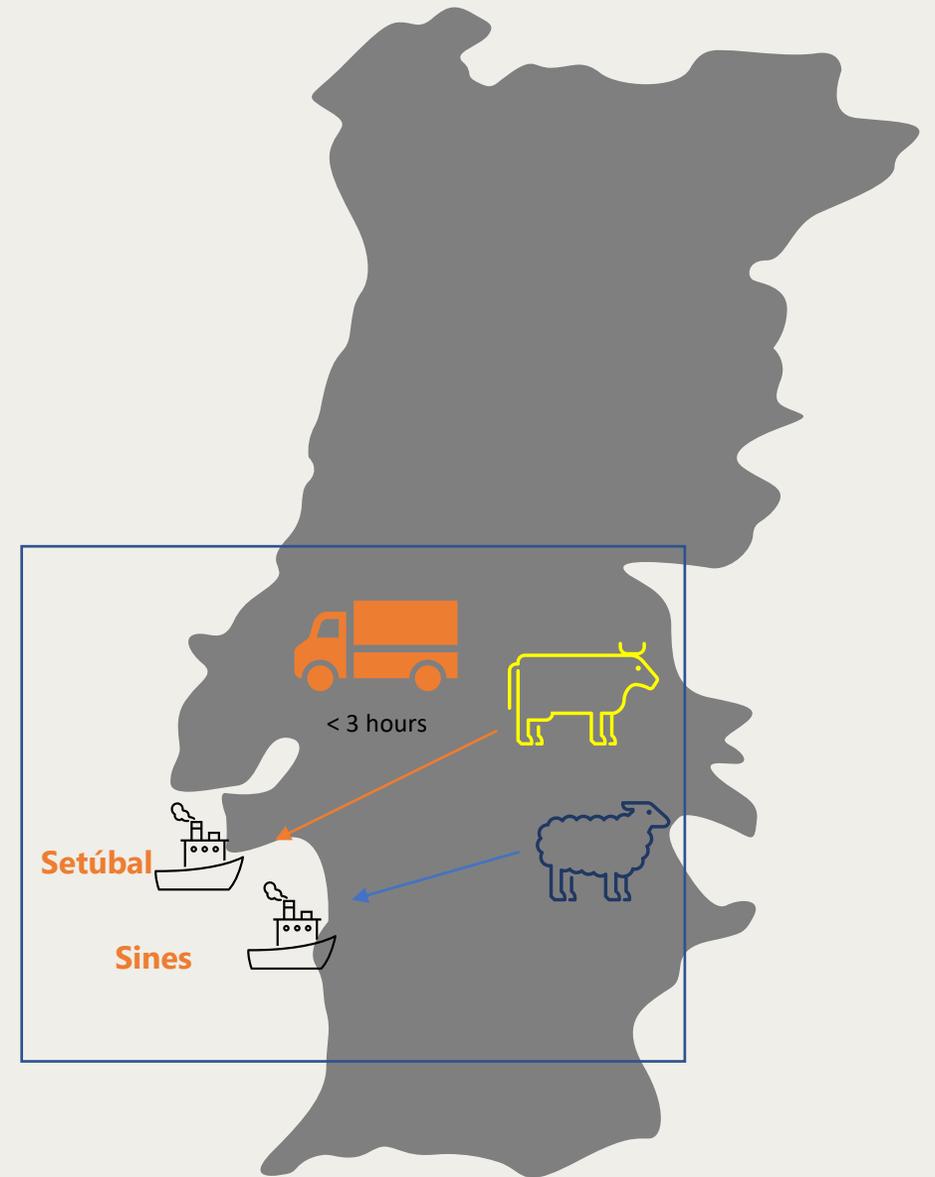


Number of export Operations and animals exported by sea in 2021- 2022- 2023



Number of export Operations and animals exported by road in 2021- 2022- 2023- 2/3 exports per year. To Maroco. Nowadays the number of exports are increasing

- Two sea ports- Setúbal and Sines
- Approved by DGAV as exit points
- Conditions to perform the loading Operations- loading structures; contingency planning
- Farms of origin- Region of Lisbon and Tagus valley (LVT) and Alentejo



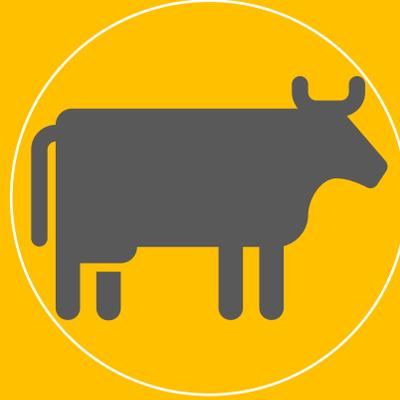


Planning

- Documentation validation
- Transporter authorisation and vessel certification
- Approval of the Operations
- **Transporter and organiser contingency plan (adverse weather, brekdowns, delays, etc..)**
- Import permits

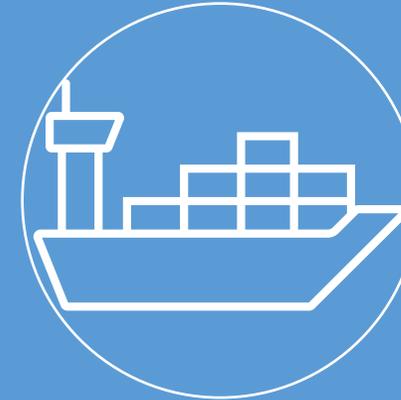


Pre-loading approval of the vessel- vessel conditions, space allowanceM feed/water/bed; ventilation, drainage, lighting,, Treatments; cleaning and disinfections; **crew training and competence**



Loading operations

- Control the fitness for transport
- Controls the road transport
- Control the unloading/laoding and handling of the animals
- Control of the animals on the vessel prior to departure



Transport

- Daily records
- Photos and vídeos
- Contact whenever there are problems



At sea port of destination

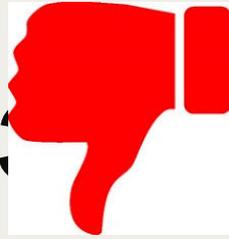
- **Feedback of the animal and vessel conditions on arrival**



Pré-loading livestock vessels controls- Main points



Negative outcomes 2023



Some vessels had a negative result on the inspection (2 vessels)- delayed the approval to load.

- Vessel was not properly cleaned; rupture of the pipes;
- Vessel with: Insufficient lightning, lack of proper training, improper cleaning and disinfection, improper restraint of the ovines on the pens, no water analysys, the stunning gun didn't had cartridges adapted to all the types of animals, no amonium measurement device and no procedures regarding amonium, the pen identification didn't correspond to the stowage plan; Documentation problems; procedures didn't mention the european legislation;

The vessel was detained one month by DGAV and the PSC- On arrival no problems were found.

The vessel made three journeys with no problems (didn't returned back)

All the information is on Thetis system

ID	Name	PROCEED ID	Flag state/Registry	Port name	Ship type	Unloaded gear		
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Date of inspection	Region	Member State	Subj	SECA area	Non-compliance	Outcome	Ship Action	Entry
24.10.2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Portugal	Sheep	PTSE	0	Inspected		
02/09/2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Romania	Milk	ROSD	0	Inspected		
28.07.2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Romania	Milk	ROSD	0	Inspected		CA
27/06/2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Portugal	Sheep	PTSE	0	Inspected		
16/06/2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Romania	Milk	ROSD	0	Inspection on going		MI
09/08/2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Romania	Milk	ROSD	0	Inspected		R
05/04	ANIMAL WELFARE	Romania	Milk	ROSD	0	Inspected		R
02/04/2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Romania	Milk	ROSD	0	Inspected		R
17/03/2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Portugal	Sheep	PTSE	0	Inspected		
06/03/2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Portugal	Sheep	PTSE	0	Inspected		
24/02/2023	ANIMAL WELFARE	Portugal	Sheep	PTSE	0	Inspected		

SHIP OWNER		
Ship Owner Number	Ship Owner Name	
Country	City	
Principal place of business (Country)	Address	
INSPECTION CHECKLIST		
ANIMAL WELFARE		
Control Method		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inspection of means of transport, premises and other places under their control and their surroundings	Two posts on deck 1 with holes and sharp surfaces for animals. Correction of this point verified during the reinspection of the ship. Rupture of a water supply pipe for animal drinking, on deck 1, with partial flooding of the deck. Correction verified during re-inspection of the ship.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Examination of the controls that operators have put in place and of the results obtained	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inspection of equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inspection of goods	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inspection of cleaning and maintenance products and processes	Dirty feeders and drinkers during the first inspection. The ship was reinspected to verify this point, after correction.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inspection of traceability, labelling, presentation, advertising and relevant packaging materials including materials intended to come into contact with food	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Controls on the hygiene conditions in the operators' premises	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assessment of procedures on good manufacturing practices, good hygiene practices, good farming practices, and of procedures based on the principles of hazard analysis critical control points (HACCP)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Examination of documents, traceability records and other records [Article 1(2)], including, where appropriate, documents accompanying food, feed and any substance or material entering or leaving an establishment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interviews with operators and with their staff	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Verification of measurements taken by the operator and other test results	

Positive experiences 2023

- Two vessels start to operate between Portugal and Israel- Obligatory the presence of the board and **crew with specific training (training is given in PT)**;
- Reinforce Transporters procedures and records and communication- **Daily records of the vessel-report back to the CA of departure**- each time more this is a routine of the transporter
- Reinforce **Transporter contingency plan**- report the CA of departure and destination whenever there are problems
- Session with organisers to discuss the strong and weak points of the export Operations- land operations



One case of delay due to bad weather- very positive experience- Contingency plan-contact with the CA

Kimden: |
Tarih: 28
Kime: 'An
Bilgi: 'Op
Konu: UR

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Kindly be informed that due to the bad weather conditions expected in the Eastern Mediterranean on 29 MARCH 2023, our ship will wait aprox. 18hrs in a sheltered area for the safety of animals on board. We have sufficient amount of fodder and bedding material on board. Pls see attached pictures for your kind attention.

Regards

Good days
Pls find below highlighted texts for your kind attention.

Good morning
I confirm that I have received the messages about the delay due to bad weather and I have some questions about the current situation:

- Can you have an update on the ship's location and what is the distance from shore?
Vessel is currently proceeding to SOUTH OF CRETE ISLAND which will make shelter to vessel and night hours she will arrive to planned drifting area. Distance from shore will be 6 to 12 nm subject to sea condition. Master will take necessary precautions.
- What is the new ETA? Will it be a normal working day in Haifa?
ETA will be 01.04.2023 noon time instead of 31st march 2023 afternoon
Discharging will be on 1st april 2023 evening hrs.
- Have you informed the relevant authorities at the port of destination and the quarantine facility?
We have already informed our agent and receivers in Israel.

The vessel has sufficient feed and bedding ROB. However, how will the vessel manage the remaining feed and bedding for the animals from now until the end of the voyage?
As per rules vessel had loaded extra fodder sufficient to feed for voyage extensions.
Please send us daily reports on the condition of the animals (with pictures), air monitoring (temperature, humidity and ammonia levels), use of hospital parks, administration of veterinary medicines, daily consumption of feed, water and bedding. We would also like to receive updates on bad weather and the resumption of the journey.
We will keep you updated with daily reports and weather conditions.
Thanks for your time and attention.

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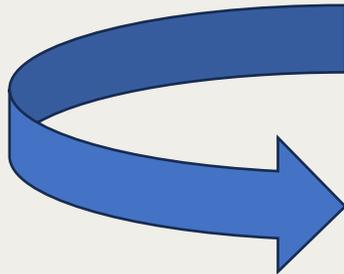
Good days

Kindly be informed Vessel is currently underway to her destination. Pls find attached masters report and pictures for your kind attention

Regards

Communication with the CA on destination...

Very positive
experience with
the CA in country
of destination



- To be sure that the vessel can be loaded- import permits
- When there is a health problems and some consignment cannot be transported- immediate communication between CA on destination and PT CA;
- To follow a specific vessel- the first time he operates in Portugal
- Whenever we consider that it is a risky vessel- adoption of correction actions after report of non compliances
- In case of contingency- exemple- delays to the bad sea conditions
- Exchange of views regarding specific issues

Marocco export by sea

- **Started in 2023-** just two operations but very successful in our view
- Journeys between **22- 32 hours**
- **Contact with the CA in Marrocco**, to better understand what were their requirements; which documents were necessary to send in advance?
- Its important to **establish procedures between the CA-** no information is missing and we are sure that the animals can be loaded
- Transporter authorisation and certificate of approval; health documentation
- Got import permits

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AGRICULTURA

 dgav
Direção Geral de Alimentação e Veterinária

Anexo V - Requerimento para Inspeção de Navio-Gado para Carga e Transporte de Animais em Navios Gado (Parte I e Parte II - Excel)

Exmo(a). Sr(a). Diretor(a) de Serviços de Alimentação e Veterinária
Região Alentejo

Somos a remeter o pedido de carga e transporte marítimo de animais em navio de gado que abaixo se identifica,

Nome do navio _____
Nº de aprovação: _____, 2005: **PT-NG-004**
Data de validade do certificado de aprovação: **25/10/2025**
Nº IMO: **9621209**
Nome e contacto do organizador: _____, LDA -
915283930
Nome e contacto do Agente de navegação: _____
919728714
Porto de partida: PORTUGAL - SINES
Data e hora de chegada ao porto de partida: 16/06/2023 - 06:00 HRS
Data prevista de saída: 19/06/2023 - 23:59 HRS
Data e hora prevista do início da carga: 19/06/2023 - 08:00 HRS
País e porto de chegada: MARROCOS - JORF LASFAR
Duração prevista da viagem 0 Dias e Horas 20H

Especificações dos Animais, Origem, Licença de Importação, Finalidade, na Parte II do Presente Documento - Ficheiro Excel

Houve alteração da tripulação desde a aprovação do navio ou da última viagem de transporte de animais? Sim Não

Em caso afirmativo indicar o nome dos novos tripulantes e a sua experiência com animais

Houve alguma alteração do navio, relevante para o transporte de animais vivos desde a aprovação do navio ou da última viagem de transporte de animais? Sim Não

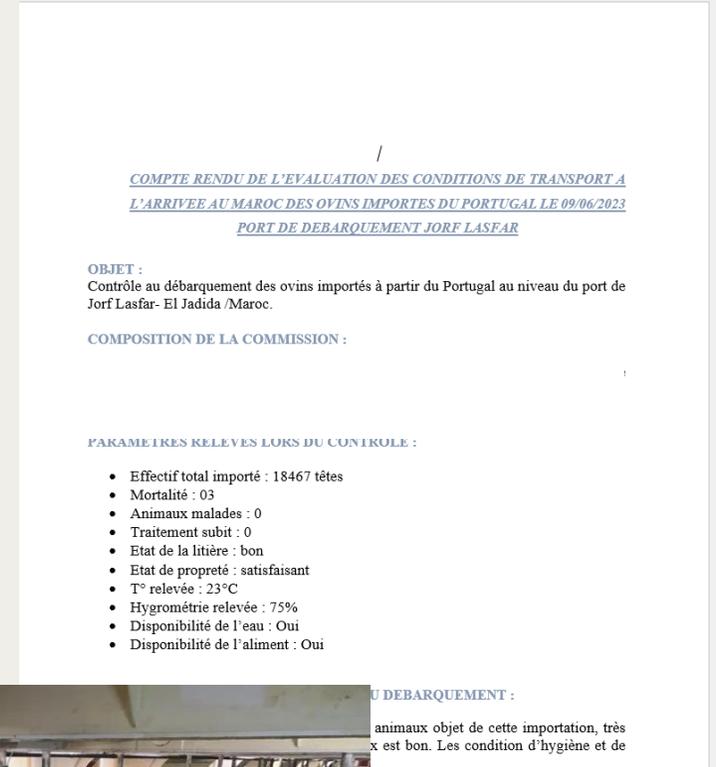
Em caso afirmativo indicar as alterações efetuadas

Título ORGANIZADOR (transportador/organizador/agente)
Data 12/06/2023
Assinatura 

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Marrocco export by sea

- Asked for Feedback information- dead animals; sick animals and treatment; litter condition. Environmental conditions, animal conditions (dirtiness, etc..), availability of feed and water
- Got very nice and detailed reports on the conditions of the animals on arrival



Transport of animals by land- To Morocco

There is an increased interest on the export of animals by land to Morocco

Key aspects have to be considered:

- **Planning of the journey-** Transporters authorisation; vehicle certification, driver certificate of competence; space per animal, journey and resting times; weather and sea conditions- validation of the journey; sea port times; control times
- **Contingency planning-** weather conditions; ferry transport (sea and weather conditions), delays, breakdowns, places to unload the animals; other transportes; contacts of the CA; contacts of private vet, etc..
- **Retrospective controls**

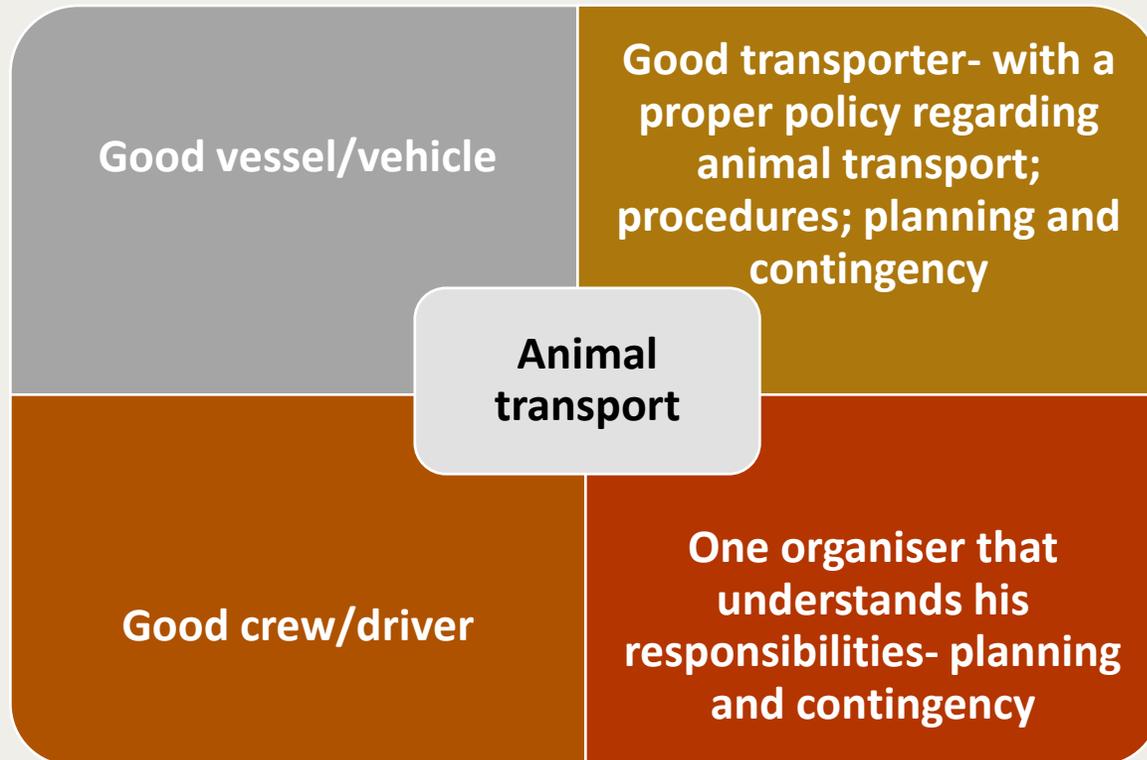


Transport of animals by land- To Morocco- Actions in progress...

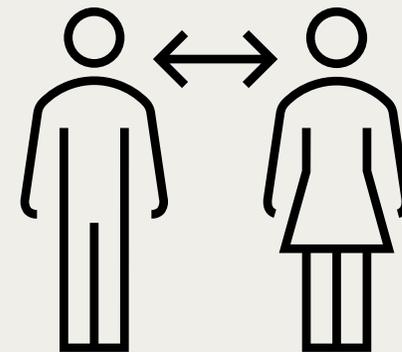
- Meetings and training of the OV
- Specific instructions and procedures for this type of journey- being developed
- Meeting with the organisers- November
- Specific contingency planning for this type of journey
- Communication with Spain and Morocco



Success of a good Livestock vessel and road transport !!



Communication and collaboration between CA



Thank you



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