

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

Romania

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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

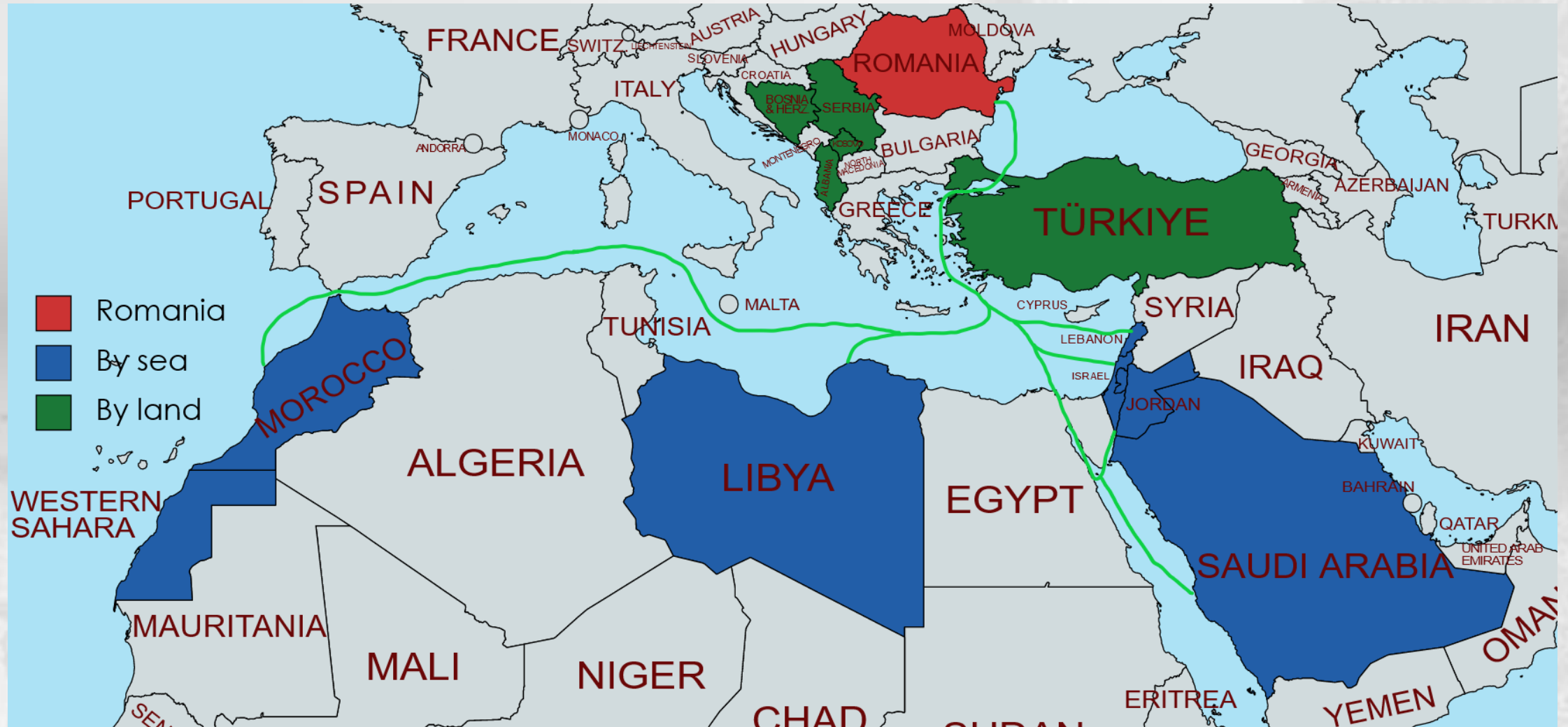
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Overview of country livestock transport and trade

- Romania exports mainly sheep and cattle to:



Animals exported through EP Midia

2022
2023

Country of Destination	Cattle	Sheep	Goats
Saudi Arabia	3841	462189	1400
Israel	67724	17984	
Jordan	22988	973175	
Lebanon	478	2560	
Libya	2690	9700	
Iraq	1800		
Kuwait		2800	
Total	99521	1468408	1400

Country of Destination	Cattle	Sheep	Goats
Saudi Arabia	746	310626	
Jordan	4377	717973	2580
Israel	44424	2940	
Egypt	1348	0	
Libya	3150	59070	
Morocco	0	15000	
Lebanon	66	510	
Total	54111	1106119	2580

BIP and Exit points approved for the control of livestock intended for export to non-EU countries



Competent Authority(ies)

Competent Authority responsible for animal welfare during transport by land and sea

– NSVFSA at central level (mainly coordinating role - instructions and guidelines, also inspections to check whether the official controls performed by local competent authorities are effective)

- 42 local CA (approval of transporters, means of transports, journeys, official controls at the place of departure, during transport, at exit points)

Other Authorities involved in cross-border transport of animals by land and sea:

- Romanian Naval Authority (CA for Port State Control)

- Romanian Border Police

Animal welfare standards

- Regulation 1/2005/EC
- National legislation for approval of transporters, vehicles and livestock vessels, protection of animals during transport to non-EU countries (Order 16/2010&Order 128/2020, Law 150/2020)
- Specific procedure (PS20) for control of animal welfare at the BIP/EP.

Road transport

Before travel: section I of the JL (48 h prior departure): correct estimation of duration (loading, unloading, average speed, resting times, border controls), contingency plan, authorization of transporter and vehicle approval, certificate of competence for the driver, fitness for travel (If unfit, either treated (minor injuries) or emergency slaughtered), space allowance, water, feed and bedding onboard, weather forecast (Checklist filled in)

Deficiencies – checklist; notified to the CA approving the transporter/vehicle

Animal welfare standards

The health certificate is issued by OV in BIP following inspection of animal health and welfare and based on the HC issued by the veterinarian at the assembly centre.

After travel:

- retrospective checks (assess whether the AW requirements were observed throughout the journey: duration, resting times, temperatures); transports selected based on risk; sections of JL compared with TRACES, GPS data and temperature recordings

Sea transport:

- notification of intention of loading – 4 working days prior to arrival in EP
- valid loading permit (e.g. Libya) – species, no. of animals, same importer as in accompanying documents (HC, Bill of loading, invoice)
- inspection performed by OV and maritime experts authorized by maritime authority; checklist

Name of ship:
 No of approval.
 IMO No.....
 Organiser.....
 Business Operator - exporter
 Port of loading:
 Date/time of arrival in the port of loading:
 Estimated date of departure:
 Estimated date and time of starting loading:
 Port of unloading and country:
 Estimated length of journey..... days hours

Species/type	Number	Average weight	Total weight	Total area available in sqm	Space allowance sqm/animal)	Acceptable YES/NO For inspector in EP only
Cowa						
Heifers						
Bulls						
Oxes						
Calves						
Sheep						
Lambs						
Goats						
Kids						
Pigs						
Horses						
Other						
Total						

Actions in case of non-compliances

When OV at the BIP/EP detects deficiencies (HC or unfit animals) – rejection of livestock export; animals to be dispatched to the place of origin

If OV decides that animals are not fit for transport to the place of origin, they are unloaded at the BIP/EP facilities (watering, feeding, resting) or assembly centres close to the BIP/EP based on service agreements (with the EP administrator)

OV informs CCA accordingly

Conclusions

In order to improve animal welfare during long distance transport – new legislation:

- attempting to get transporters become more responsible, better contingency planning (representative of transporter: ISM management company);
- authorizing the maritime experts performing inspections pre-approval and pre-loading.

Main challenges for the Competent Authority to implement relevant legislation and requirements on animal transport:

- communication with CA of countries of destination (feedback at arrival of the animals);
- implementation of new EU Regulations in terms of control posts in the vicinity of Exit Points and OV on board of livestock vessels.

Thank you

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