

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

REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE

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• VETERINARY BORDER INSPECTION POSTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE

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- Antalya Havalimanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
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- Bandırma Limanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
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- Esenboğa Havalimanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Gürbulak Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Habur Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
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- İpsala Sınır Kapısı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- İskenderun Limanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- İstanbul Havalimanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- İzmir Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Kapıkule Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Kocaeli Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Mersin Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Pendik Limanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Sabiha Gökçen Havalimanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Samsun Limanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Tekirdağ Limanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Trabzon Limanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 
- Zonguldak Limanı Veteriner Sınır Kontrol Noktası Müdürlüğü 

	Years	Fattening	Slaughter	Breeding	Sheep
• When we are talking about cattle, main trading countries are:	2010	1.443	118.578	21.371	234.974
• EU Member States	2011	226.956	164.360	78.565	1.447.764
• Uruguay	2012	228.421	193.972	48.702	405.626
• Brazil	2013	130.897	28.869	31.873	95.770
	2014	23.604	2.434	24.034	15.651
	2015	154.194	0	48.883	3.077
	2016	407.887	22.181	64.126	5.299
	2017	685.772	96.493	113.545	280.669
	2018	1.211.718	132.904	116.081	425.507
	2019	563.799	6.863	16.149	77.115
	2020	384.149	0	16.775	71.811
	2021	207.065	0	20.876	32.981
	2022	97.443	0	0	0
	2023	540.974	0	0	0

NUMBERS OF ANIMALS LOADED IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES TO TRANSIT THROUGH TURKIYE

VBIPS	2022		2023	
	COUNTRY	NUMBER OF ANIMALS	COUNTRY	NUMBER OF ANIMALS
Kapıkule VBIP	HUNGARY	289	HUNGARY	357
	CZECHIA	426	ROMANIA	338
İskenderun VBIP	CZECHIA	724	-	-
	ROMANIA	1.796	-	-
	URUGUAY	8.903	-	-
	BRAZIL	14.150	BRAZIL	16.838
Mersin VBIP	-	-	BRAZIL	21.721
	-	-	URUGUAY	2.854
Bandırma VBIP	-	-	BRAZIL	721
TOTAL		26.288		42.829

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The List of Approved Countries For Exportation of Live Animals to Turkiye

✓ : Approved X : Unapproved (*) : Uncertain

THE LIST OF APPROVED COUNTRIES FOR EXPORTATION OF LIVE ANIMALS TO TURKIYE	CATTLE			SHEEP	
	Intended For Breeding	Intended For Fattening	Intended For Slaughter	Intended For Breeding	Intended For Fattening-Slaughter
Germany	✓	✓	✓	X	X
The United States of America	✓	✓	X	✓	X
Australia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Austria	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Belgium	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Brasil	X	✓	✓	X	X
Bulgaria	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Czechia	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Denmark	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Estonia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
France	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Croatia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Netherlands	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Ireland	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Spain	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Sweden	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Italy	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Canada	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Latvia	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Lithuania	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hungary	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Mexica	X	✓	X	X	X
Poland	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Romania	✓	✓	✓	X(*)	X(*)
Slovakia	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Chile	X	✓	X	X	X
Ukraine	X	X	X	✓	X
Uruguay	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Greece	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Competent Authority(ies)

- 5199-The Animal Protection Law has been published in the Official Gazette in Turkey on 1 July 2004. The purpose of the animal Protection Law is to ensure that animals are afforded a comfortable life and receive good and proper treatment, to protect them in the best manner possible from the infliction of pain, suffering and torture, and to prevent all types of cruel treatment.
- With obtaining permission of The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
 - A provincial animal welfare committee will be convened in each province with the Governor as chairperson and for the sole purpose of protecting animals and addressing existing problems and their solutions. The committee consists all government stakeholders, faculty representatives and at most two representatives of voluntary organisations.
- *The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is authorised to monitor* whether the provisions of this Law are being complied with or not.

Veterinary Border Inspection Posts carries out a crucial role to verify the status of the animal(s) loading whether is satisfactory or not. The main authority at the Customs' area is the Ministry of Trade so the Customs'

If any of the actions set in this Law (5199), the legal provision requiring the punishment will be applied.

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Law enforcements

The Ministry of Treasury and Finance

At the entrance point Veterinary Border Inspections Posts

District Directorates of the Agriculture and Forestry

National animal welfare standards

Our national legislation is compatible with EU Acquis (1/2005 EC).

The Regulation on Animal Welfare and Protection During Their Transport was published 24 December 2011. 28152 edition of Official Gazette

With this regulation, Our national animal welfare standards, requirements of vehicles, certification of keepers and drivers are determined.

The Official veterinarian carries out the veterinary control

In Turkiye, regarding our national legislation, keepers, vehicles and drivers must obtain certificate for animal transportation(also their records kept in our national database.)

National animal welfare standards

Certification of keepers, handlers, drivers

Examination

Space allowance

Transportation time

Long Journey trucks/ requirements determined by the Competent Authority.

Access Water/ feed journey time

Implementation of the standards

Our national legislation have some lacks on the animal welfare during long distance articles, quarantine facilities, etc.

Customs' use vehicle tracking systems

Monitoring and evaluation

Annual animal welfare during transportation report is prepared by the Competent Authority.

Thank you

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