

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

Morocco

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1. Overview of country livestock transport and trade

1.2 Number of exported animals

Animals	Exportation					
	2021		2022		2023 (jan –sept)	
	Numbers	Country of Destination	Numbers	Country of Destination	Numbers	Country of Destination
Equins	63 heads	Spain-Burkina Faso-Sénégal-Belgium-France	435 heads	France- Belgium-United Kingdom-Spain-Swiss-Germany-Netherlands-Senegal-United Arabes Emirates-Mauritania-Portugal-	207 heads	Belgium-Spain-Senegal-France- United Kingdom-Portugal-Mauritania
One day old chicks	2.954 .829 units	Burkina Faso - Mali-Mauritanie- Ivory Coste-Senegal	2.924.621 units	Burkina Faso-Mali-Mauritania	498.552 unités	Burkina Faso-Mali-Mauritania-Senegal

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1.2 Number of imported animals and trends

Animals	Importation					
	2021		2022		2023 (jan-sept)	
	Numbers	Country of provenance	Numbers	Country of provenance	Numbers	Country of provenance
Dairy Cattle	14.105 heads	Germany-France - USA-Netherlands	6.247 heads	France-Germany-Netherlands-Portugal	7.342 heads	France-Germany-Netherlands
Fattening Cattle	44 .135 heads	Spain-France	25.892 heads	Spain-France-Ireland	7.626 heads	Spain-France-Belgium
Cattle for slaughter	-	-	-	-	85.737	Spain-Portugal-Brazil-Uruguay-Paraguay
Sheep for slaughter	-	-	-	-	308.877	Spain-Portugal-Roumania
Equins	275 heads	France-Belgium	527 heads	France- Belgium- United Kingdom -Swiss-Italy-Spain-Portugal-Germany-Austria-United Arabe Emirates- Netherlands	208 heads	France-Spain
One day old chiks	4.994.720 units	Spain-France-United Kingdom-USA	5.054.235 units	Spain-France	3.472.148 units	Spain-France- USA

1. Overview of country livestock transport and trade

• 1.3 Main border control posts / animal holding or quarantine facilities

Liste of BIPs opened to import/export of live animals and animals products

Defined by « Arrêté ministériel (5 septembre 1996 modifié et complété le 18 juillet 2016) ».

- **Ports (13)** : Casablanca, Tangier, Kenitra, Safi, Agadir, Jorf Lasfar, Nador, Al Hoceima, Dakhla, Laayoune, Tarfaya, Tantan and Tangier-Mediterranee ;
- **Aéroports (11)**: Casablanca, Agadir, Fes, Tangier, Oujda, Rabat-Sale, Marrakech, Laayoune, Dakhla, Ouarzazate and Tantan ;
- **Land BIP (1)**: Guergarate-Aousserd(Dakhla).



2. Competent Authority:

- **2.1 Responsible for animal welfare during transport by land and sea**

National Office for Food Sanitary Safety (ONSSA)

- *Created by Law N°25-07 in 2009.*

- *Administration Board meeting: December 11th, 2010.*

- Establishment placed under the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, with legal personality and financial autonomy.
- Exercises missions and attributions, on behalf of the state, to ensure for consumers health protection and **to preserve animal** and plant health.



2. Competent Authority:

- **2.1 Responsible for animal welfare during transport by land and sea**

- Surveillance and **protection** of plants and **animals at national level and at borders**.
- Sanitary food safety starting from primary products until the final consumer, including fish products and animal foodstuffs.
- Homologation and control of agricultural inputs (seeds, pesticides, fertilizers) and licensing of veterinary drugs.
- Implementation of laws and policies related to phytosanitary and veterinary sanitary measures.

ONSSA is the **competent authority** to ensure **Animal Welfare** in Morocco.

2. Competent Authority:

2.2 Authorities involved cross-border transport of animals by land and sea



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3. National animal welfare standards:

3.1 Project of Law (Animal Health):

Specific chapter

1st article :

- To define requirements for animal health and welfare;
- To precise responsibilities regarding animal welfare animal;
- to precise measures to ensure animal welfare

1. Offenses and sanctions:

- To specify offenses and sanctions to be applied when animal welfare measures aren't respected;

2. Role of veterinary authorities:

- To monitor and enforce animal welfare measures.
- To apply the necessary measures when animal welfare regulations are not respected.

Specific chapter

2nd article :

- Indicating that specific measures to ensure animal welfare will be detailed by specific regulation texts (décret et arrêtés spécifiques).

- Transport by land, by sea and by air including, mean of transport conception, transport duration;
- Farms : locals conception adapted to species and type of production;
- Salughter for human consumption;
- Euthanasia for sanitary measures;
- Dog population management;
- Use of animals for research and teaching;
- Animals detention in zoo and circus.

4. National animal welfare standards:

3.2 National procedures:

Measures of AW are applied even in absence of any regulation:

- Transport of imported animals (respect of UE legislation: vehicles prescriptions and travel time).
- Respect of AW is compulsory to authorise animals transit (measures to ensure animals feeding, time of rest,... apply).
- Respect of AW while approving animal station quarantine (stocking density, ventilation, flooring, bedding, water, feed, paddocks,...).
- Animal health certificate includes:
 - that animals are controlled and fined to be fit for transport;
 - Transport is conducted in way to preserve animal welfare and to avoid their suffering

5. Implementation of the standards :

3.2 Implementing, monitoring and evaluation standards on animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport in your country:

- **Animals import:** Animals are controled upon arrival BIP to check animals health status and transport conditions;
- **Animals export:** Animals are controled to check if they are fit to travel twice by local VS and by BIP-VS of exit.
- **Animals transit:**
 - animals are controled upon arrival at BIP to check animals health status and transport conditions;
 - Animals are transported to BIP of exit in respect of AW measures (at least two rest stop in approuved stations under veterinary surveillance);
 - Animals are controled at BIP of exit, to check if the transit procedure is well respected.



6. Conclusions:

- **Despite the absence of specific national regulations on animal welfare, AW requirements are applied during long transport (import, export and transit);**

- **Upcoming measures:**
 - **Development of implementing texts after publication of the project of Law AH;**
 - **Implementation of a training program for trainers on animal welfare measures;**
 - **Training of personnel who handle animals (transporters, slaughterhouses, etc.);**
 - **Strengthening the communication and awareness plan;**
 - **Raising awareness of the concept of animal welfare among personnel in contact with livestock, particularly those working in slaughterhouses and animal transport;**
 - **Strengthening collaboration between the public sector, the private sector and NGOs for the implementation of animal welfare measures.**









Thank you

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