

Country report on animal welfare during long distance transport by land

Czech Republic

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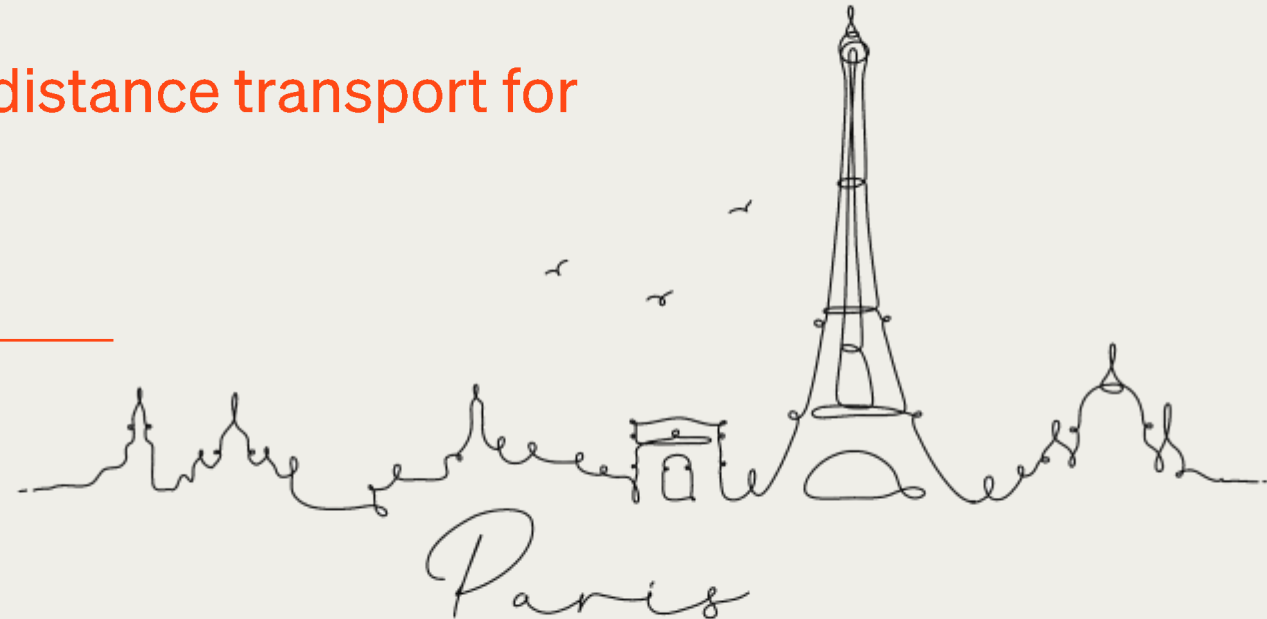
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- 14 RVA
- 1 BIP – airport of Václav Havel
- 20x – assembly centers
- 7 control post

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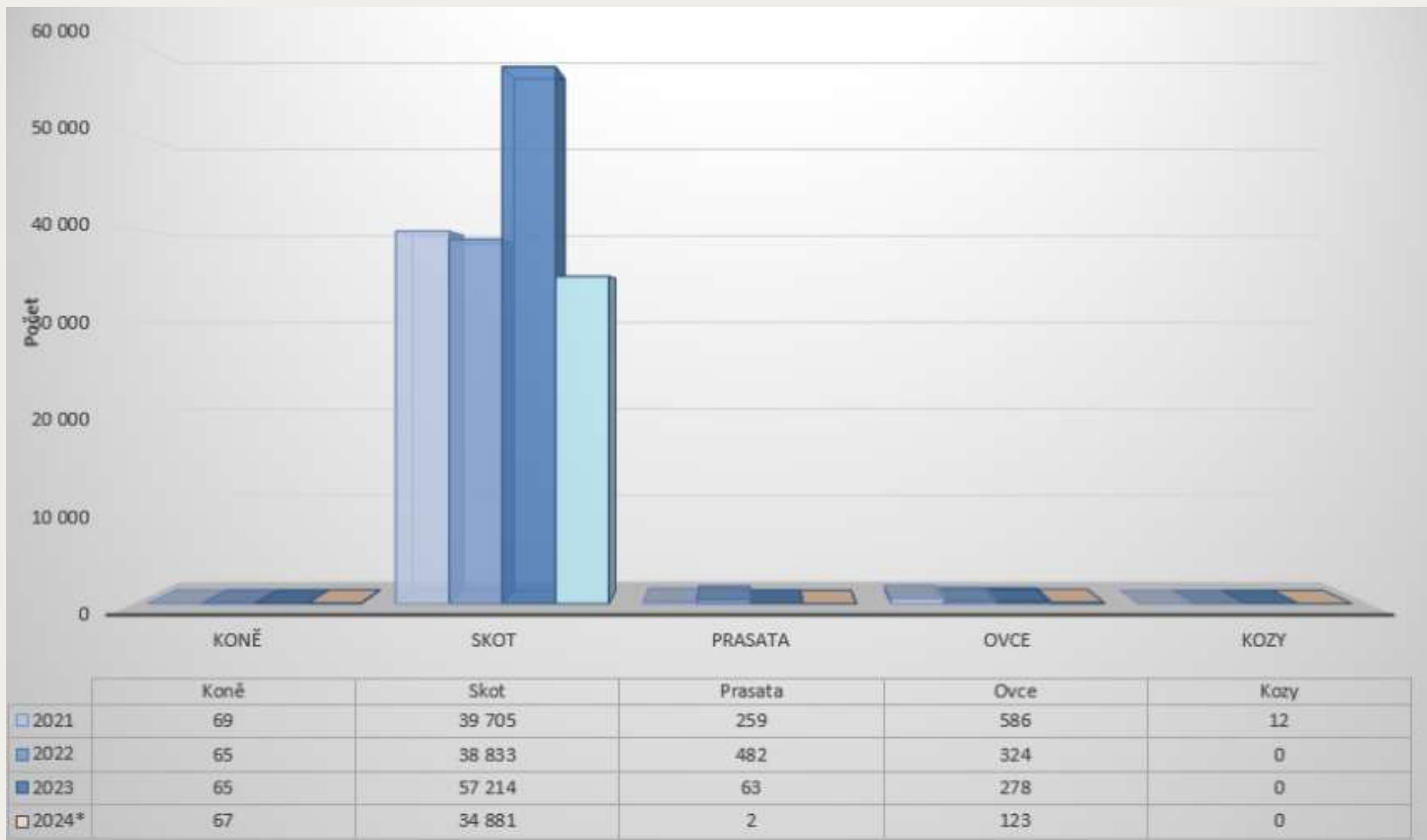
- At central level – the national control plan, communication of NCs
- At regional/local level (RVAs) – documentary checks, on the spot checks
- Person responsible for welfare checks:
 - Direct export from a farm or from an assembly center – official veterinarian (employee of RVA) – department of epidemiology
 - Movement from a farm to an AC – welfare check can be done by practitioner and then epidemiology guarantees are certificated by the official veterinarian
- Control of transporters – at least 10times per year or 10% from all of the dispatched consignments

Trade routes - bovine

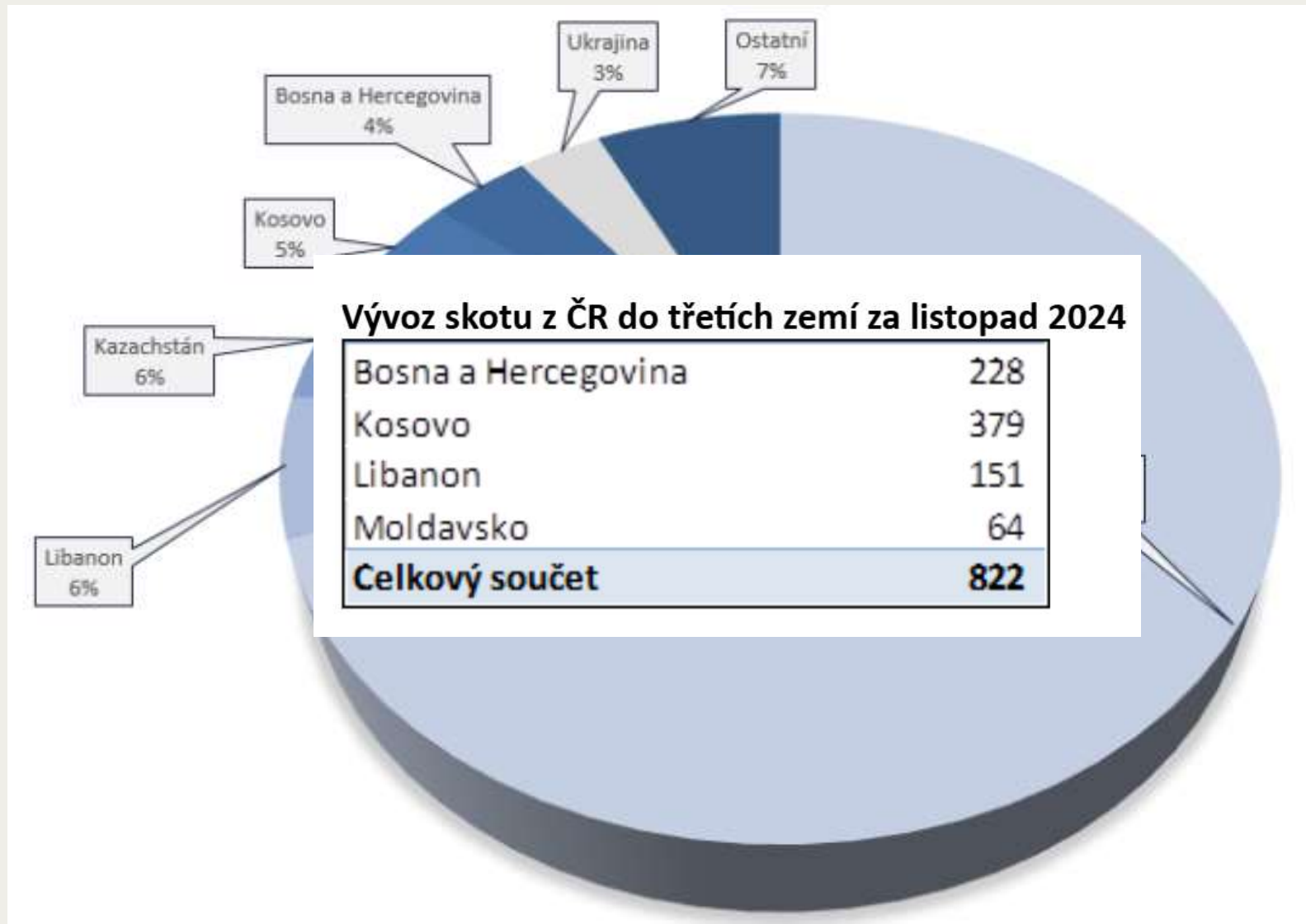
- Change because of BTV 3 in 2024
- Mostly exporting country
 - Turkey
 - Kazakhstan
 - Uzbekistan
 - RF
 - North Africa
- Within EU
 - Belgium – calves
 - Italy – mostly calves, others categories
 - Spain – calves



Overview of country livestock transport and trade – 2021-2024



Overview of country livestock transport and trade - cattle 2024



National animal welfare standards

- Welfare checks prior departure of animals – official veterinarian (employee of RVA)
- Control are performed during 24h before loading
- 3rd countries – control during the loading on a vehicle, reinforced controls
- Mostly from the assembly centers – under veterinary control
- Welfare check is part of certification together with completing TRACES and other export documentation

Monitoring and evaluation

- **Approval of assembly centers and transporters** - the standards for the competences of animal handlers– according to the EU legislation (no specific national standards)
- **Retrospective checks of/feedbacks to the consignments:**
 - Feedback from the border control (TRACES)
 - Feedback from the places of destination
 - Feedback from the returned journey logs, GPS information and temperature records



Calves to Belgium/Spain





Pregnant heifers to Turkey



Conclusions - challenges

- CZ is in compliance with WOAHA standards regarding animal welfare during long distance by land – most of the standards are set in the provisions of national/EU legislation
- **gaps/weaknesses and challenges:**
 - communication with the 3rd countries (mostly none) - feedbacks
 - language barrier
 - sanctions – slow and complex process, ineffective
 - cross-border transport - information about facilities/working hours
 - emergency situations – contingency plans

Conclusions - possible actions

- WOAHA standards regarding animal welfare during long distance transport – dissemination of the standards – incorporation into trainings of handlers/operators
- strengthen the communication with the 3rd countries – online platform for sharing the info - information about facilities/working hours
- collaboration on network documents
- format for the feedbacks/language versions
- collaboration on contingency plans
- regular (online) meetings

Thank you

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