

Country report on animal welfare during long distance transport by land

Italy

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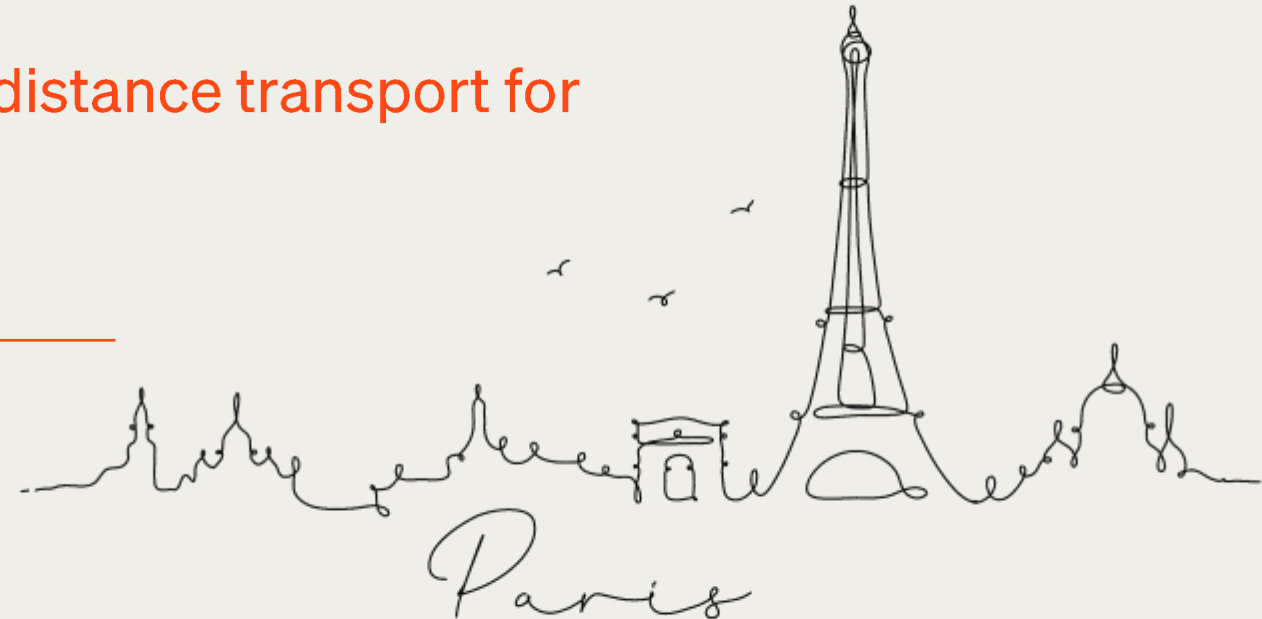


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OVERVIEW OF COUNTRY LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT AND TRADE

Main trading countries and terrestrial routes to Italy:

Bovine: F-CK-IRE-PL-A-D-NL-SI-HR-B-EE-LIT;

Swine: DK-B-D-NL-HU;

Ovine: HU-E-RO-F-PL. Especially in specific periods of the year.

SH horses: F-PL-SI



Main border control posts:

- no more borders intra UE (apart from main airport BCP of Milan and Rome);
- 1 exit point at Civitavecchia port (authorized for bv-eq-ovi-caprine), used for export for UE adult bovine (D-A-RO-HU-IRE) and just few Italian shipments to Tunisia...(a CP- Tommasetti, Manziana- in the area is used to rest the animals before departure)

IMPORT excluded poultry : **3.161.755.**

1.291.355



9.683



1.226.309



609.938



EXPORT (UE,extra UE) excluded Poultry **244.238**

108.247 Bovines to III Countries:

Algeria, Libia, Libano,Turkey 1713,
Egypt,Georgia,Tunisia,Serbia;

by road or livestock vessels from F-SI-HR. Bv to UE:E-HU-HR-RO-PL

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE DURING TRANSPORT

Ministry of Health, Rome, Direction General of Animal Health, office 6 animal welfare.



Local veterinary units (Regional health service) at place of departure of live animals.



Other Authorities involved in cross-border transport of animals: Customs at port (Civitavecchia) and airports (Rome Fiumicino and Milan Malpensa). Port authority /airport Authority



NATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS

Minimum animal welfare standards on animal transport established in our country, include:

Before departure

requirements for inspection of animals is risk based;
nearly 100% of shipment for third Countries are checked.

During journeys:

Police checks with vets and personnel from local authorities and /or from UVAC offices (offices from The Ministry of Health on the territory)

(“controlli congiunti”) based on an agreement (2011) with Ministry of the Interior.

Ministry Decree n.151/2007 on sanctions related to not conformities during transport (Reg CE n.1/2005). Animal ‘fitness to travel’’: fine 2000 euro.

After the travel:

certification and record keeping is not standardized.

WE have NOT established standards for facilities, containers and vehicles for the transport of animals. We follow UE Regulation



National animal welfare standards

The competences of animal handlers, drivers and managers of control posts in relevant animal welfare issues is based on **training courses** organized from the veterinary local or regional authorities or from recognized private entities (drivers/attendants: 12 hours course to get the authorization; after 10 years other 4 hours course and renewal of authorization for other 10 years)



Implementation of the standards

Competent Authority has to implement standards on animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport with the application of more retrospective checks, especially when exporting to III Countries.

Just few cases some years ago of feedback of the driver/organizers after the arrival at final destination, with photos and video of the animals at the establishment .

The feed back at final destination has to be improved.



Monitoring and evaluation

The Competent Authority is monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of standards on animal welfare during long distance with **checks during the journey** joined with Police, especially in northern Italy, along the main traffic route and during special periods of the year (Easter Summer and Christmas).

We suggest an enforcement of checks at departure (planning) and destination in Summer, in case of high temperature.

For cross-border transport, a check of fitness for transport is made at control post, 1 hour far from Civitavecchia exit point and/or at the point of exit.



Cross-border transport of animals

Certifications are sent to Italian CA/customs from shipping agency few days before the departure of animals from the exit point. The rest at the nearest CP is always communicated, also. Checks could be made also at the port before loading on the ro-ro vessels in Civitavecchia

What is the procedure to report back to the sending Competent Authority significant animal welfare problems which occurred during the journey? We do not have any procedures and we have never had any feedback or reported problems from the CA or shipping agency responsible for animals at the exit point of Civitavecchia.

Conclusions

Overall, do you consider that your country is in compliance with WOA standard regarding animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport of animals by land?

We have a good system of checks during land transport with brief checks for driver authorization, fitness of transport checks ,densities, general condition of the lorries, drinking system.

We have to implement our system of feedback and retrospective checks especially after the journey of live animals to III Countries

Thank you



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