

Country report on animal welfare during long distance transport by land

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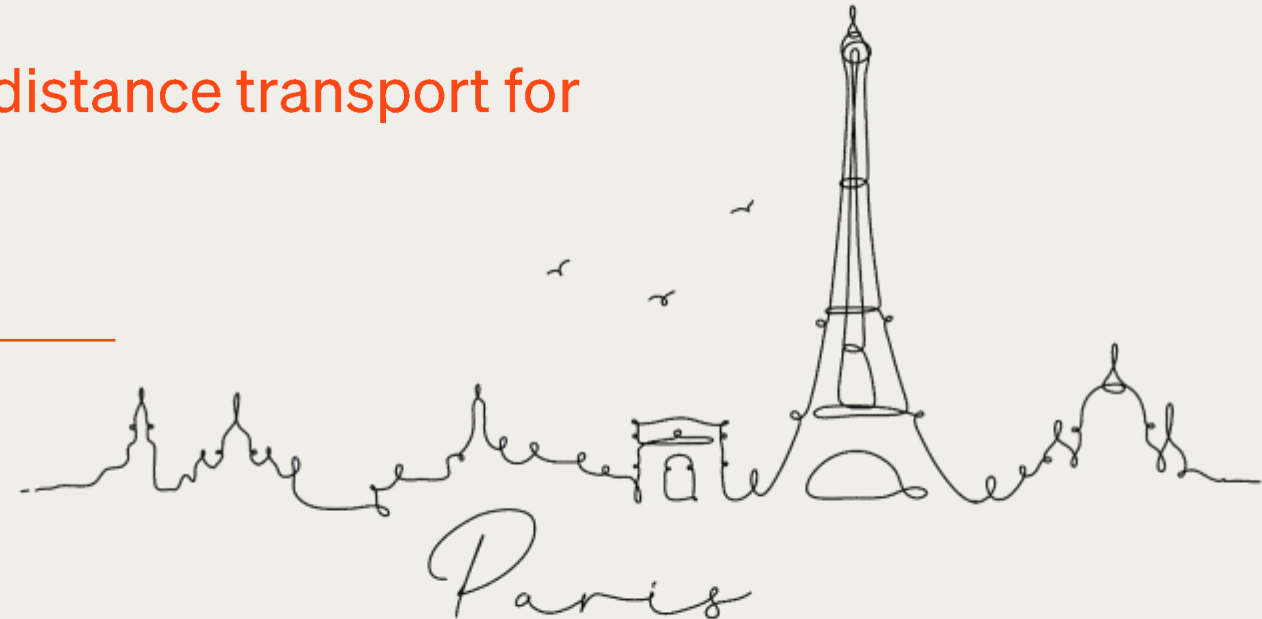
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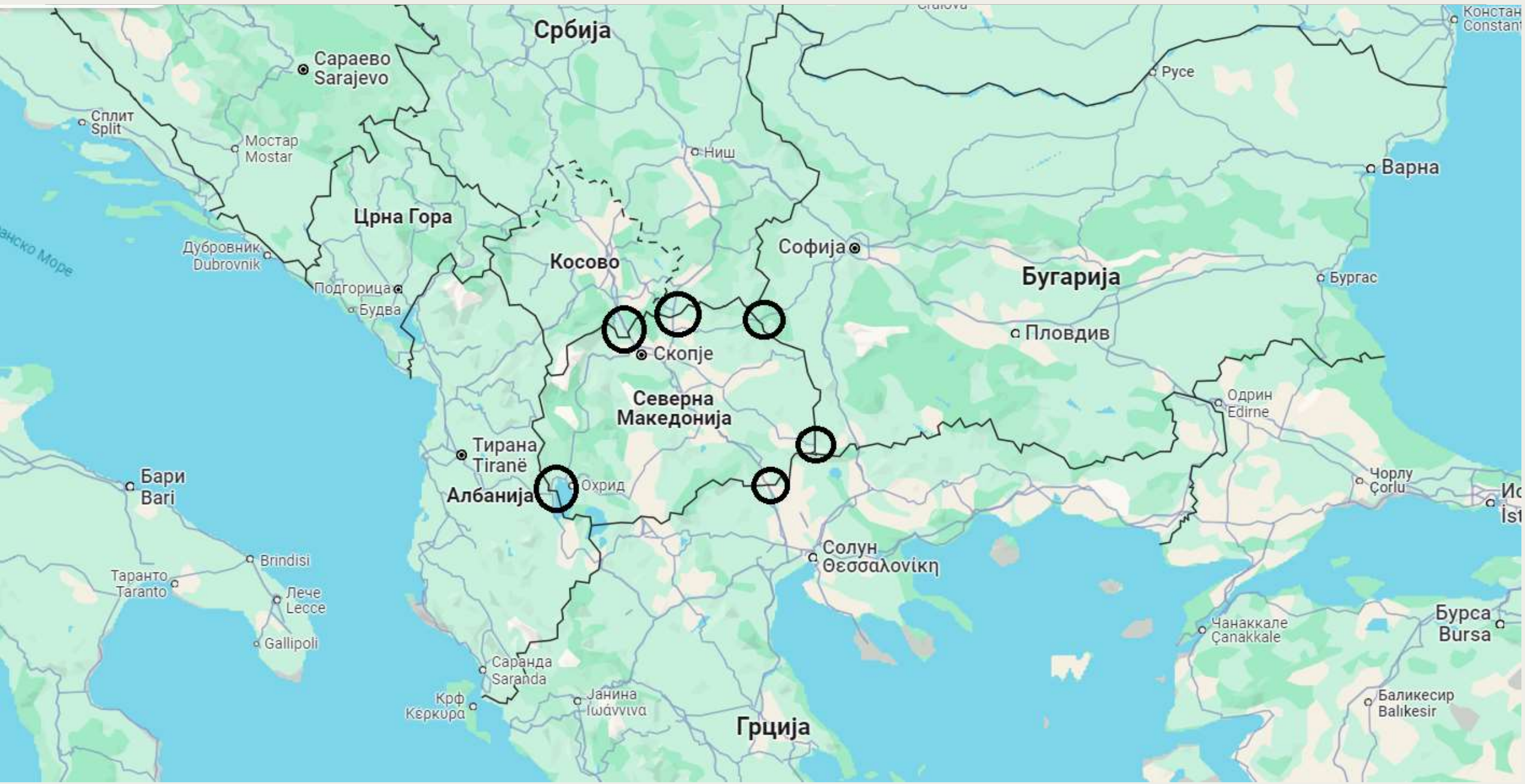
<b>IMPORT OF ANIMALS 01.01.2019-12.12.2024</b>					
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CATTLE</b>	<b>HORSES</b>	<b>SHEEP</b>	<b>PIGS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>582</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>563</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1080</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1114</b>
<b>01.01.2024-12.12.2024</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4631</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>5577</b>

<b>EXPORT 01.01.2019-12.12.2024</b>			
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CATTLE</b>	<b>SHEEP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>5590</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5590</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>3349</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3349</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>4480</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4480</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>5510</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5510</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>7781</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>9170</b>
<b>01.01.2024-12.12.2024</b>	<b>5192</b>	<b>2068</b>	<b>7260</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31902</b>	<b>3457</b>	<b>35359</b>



## EXPORT OF DOGS 01.01.2019-12.12.2024

YEAR	DOGS
2019	4
2020	759
2021	1615
2022	4159
2023	1826
01.01.2024-12.12.2024	1876
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10239</b>



# Main trading countries and routes

- Import of cattle: Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Estonia.
- Import of Pigs: Denmark
- Import of sheep and goats: Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia, Spain, Austria
- Import of poultry: Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia.

## TRANSIT

### TRANSIT OF LIVE ANIMALS 2023

Border post	Species	Number of shipments	Number of animals
Bogorodica (GR)	Poultry	6	97.938
Deve Bair (BG)	Poultry	29	43.804
Novo Selo (BG)	Cattle	99	5.418
Tabanovce (SRB)	Cattle	37	1.876
	Pigeons	35	54.621
	Dogs	5	1.290
	Sheep	46	13.265

## Competent Authority(ies)

*Please provide short description*

What is/are Competent Authority(ies) responsible for animal welfare during transport?

The Food And veterinary Agency is the competent authority

What is/are the other Authority(ies) involved cross-border transport of animals?

The Customs directorate (Ministry of Finance)



# National animal welfare standards

*Please provide short description*

What are a minimum animal welfare standards on animal transport established in your country, that include:

The EU council regulation 2005/1 is transposed into the National legislation into the Law on animal welfare and the Book of rules on animal welfare during transport

- requirements for inspection of animals before, during and after their travel

At arrival the animals are checked by the official veterinarian, at border points every shipment of animals is checked an complete documentation is checked as well, the shipment with the animals must be accompanied by animal health certificate, import certificate, journey log, authorization for the transporter, customs documents, if endangered species are transported-CITES certificate.

- the definition of animal 'fitness to travel'

Chapter 1 Annex I of the council regulation 2005/1

- certification and record keeping?
- The animal transporters is authorized by the Food and veterinary agency and they are obliged to keep records for the period of three years.

Do you have established standards for facilities, containers and vehicles for the transport of animals established in your country?

Yes, the standards for facilities, containers and vehicles for the transport of animals is prescribed into the National legislation.

# National animal welfare standards

*Please provide short description*

What are the standards for the competences of animal handlers, drivers and managers of facilities, business operators in relevant animal welfare issues established in your country?

*Driver and attendants must have certificate of competence (national legislation is equivalent to EU legislation e.g. regulation 2005/1). Authorized institution for issuing the certificate of competence is Faculty of veterinary medicine.*

*The certificate is valid for 5 years*

*336 certificates issued*

# National animal welfare standards

- Long distance transporters-8 approved from which 7 is for pets and only 1 for farm animals
- Means of transport on long distance-8 vehicles approved
- Short distance transporters-174 approved
- The approval is valid 5 years

# Implementation of the standards

*Please provide short description*

How is the Competent Authority implementing standards on animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport in your country?

With on spot animal welfare checks and checks of documentation (rest times, travel time, injured animals, fitness of travel)

# Monitoring and evaluation

*Please provide a short description*

How is the Competent Authority monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of standards on animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport in your country?

Controls on border points by the official vet (check list on animal welfare)

# Cross-border transport of animals

*Please provide a short description.*

What are the procedures, including certification, applicable before and at departure, in transit and at arrival for cross-border transport of animals your country?

Health certificate (health status of the country of destination)/Clinical investigation of the animals for fitness of transport and check of the means of the transport) on the place of departure , transit and arrival. We don't have control post within the country.

What is the procedure to report back to the sending Competent Authority significant animal welfare problems which occurred during the journey?

Direct (unformal) written communication to the competent authority of place of departure

## Conclusions

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

The legal framework is in compliance but the implementation should be improved

Please list the main gaps/weaknesses or challenges for the Competent Authority(ies) in your country to implement WOAHA standards and country legislation and requirements on animal transport.

Development of modules on animal welfare controls into the veterinary informative system/Raising awareness campaign/Competent authority focal points on transport/development of Modules of animal transporters, means of transport and drivers into the Veterinary informative system.

# Thank you

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