

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

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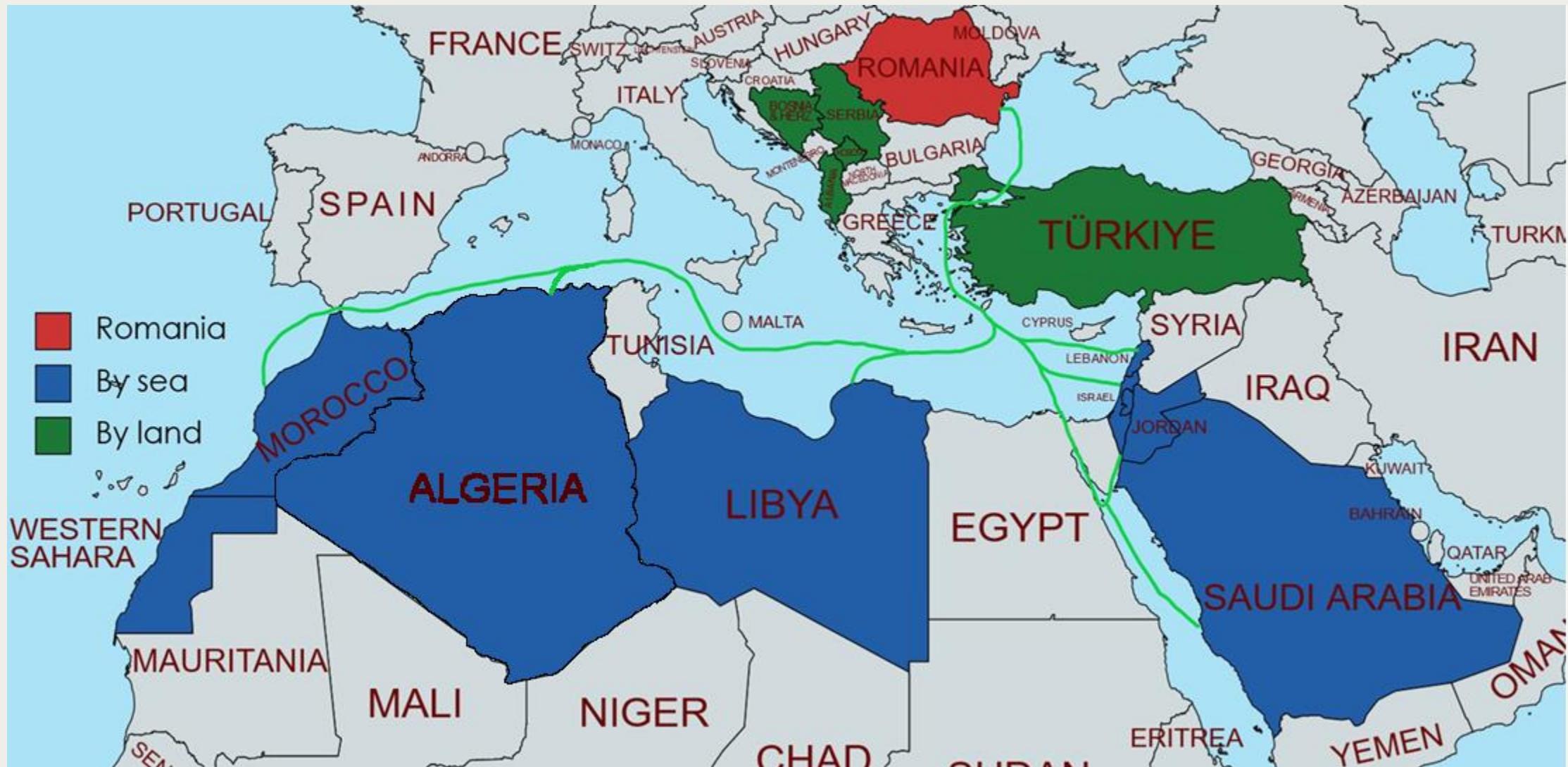
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Overview of country livestock transport and trade





2025

- RO
 - largest exporter of live sheep in the EU, followed by Spain
 - second largest exporter of cattle in the EU, after Croatia
- Main importers:
 - - Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, followed by People's Democratic Republic of
 - Algeria and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (sheep)
 - - State of Israel (cattle)



BIP and EP approved for the control of livestock intended for export to non-EU countries



Competent Authorities

CAs responsible for AW during transport by land and sea:

- central level: NSVFSA (mainly coordinating role)
 - instructions and guidelines
 - inspections to check the effectiveness of the OCs performed by local CAs
- local level: 42 CAs
 - approval (of transporters, means of transports, journeys)
 - official controls at the place of departure, during transport, at exit points



Other Authorities involved in cross-border transport of animals by land and sea:

Romanian Naval Authority (CA for Port State Control)

Romanian Border Police

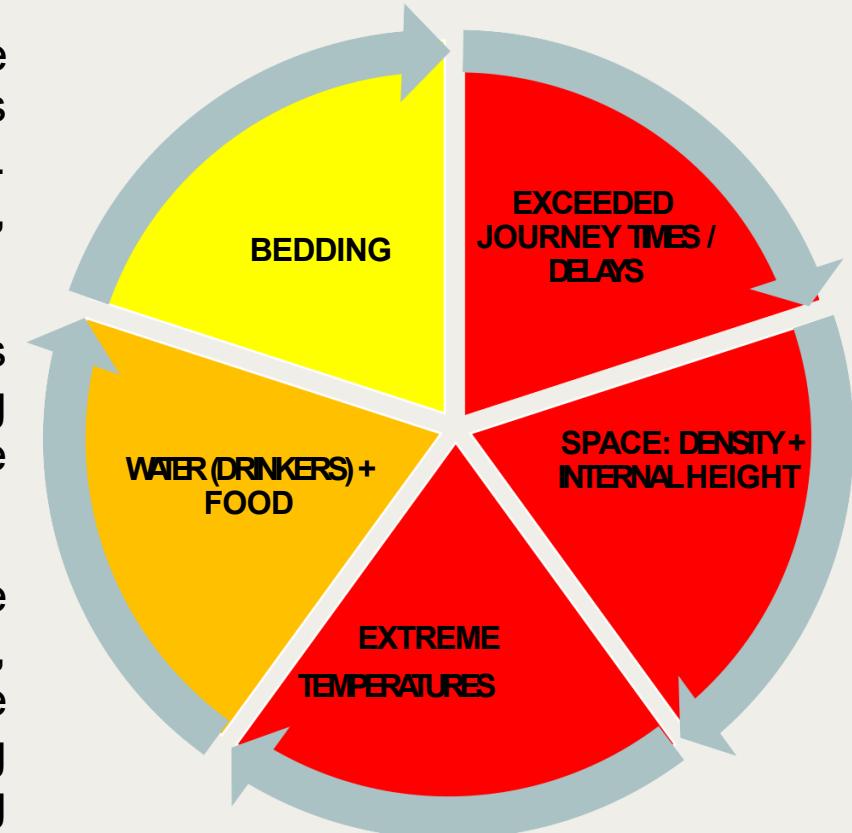


National animal welfare standards

1. Reg. 1/2005/EC: provisions on transport by road and by sea
2. Reg. 1255/97/EC – standards to be complied with by the control posts intended for feeding, drinking, resting of animals on long-distance journeys
3. Reg. (EU) 2023/372 (transport by sea) – electronic database, contingency plan, team of inspectors at approval (OV + authorised maritime expert), OV on board
4. Reg. (EU) 2023/842 (transport by sea) – inspections at loading/unloading (mixed teams)
5. Order 10/2024 & Order 128/1669/2020, Law 150/2020: approval of transporters, vehicles & livestock vessels, protection of animals during transport to Tc
6. Specific procedure (PS20) for control of animal welfare at the BIP/EP

Implementation of the standards, monitoring and evaluation

- Checking the planning that the organiser submits 48 h before a journey, to ascertain the feasibility of the proposed journey
- Conducting appropriate checks on the spot at any stage of the journey, to verify declared journey times are realistic, travel times and rest periods have complied with the limits set out in Reg. 1/2005/CE, compliance with requirements (stocking density, temperature inside the vehicle, etc).
- Carrying out retrospective checks of the transporter's journeys (assess if the animal welfare requirements were observed during the journey; transports selected based on risk; sections of the journey log compared to TRACES and GPS data).
- Enforcing legislation by: making recommendations to the transporters, asking them to take the necessary corrective actions, taking any additional actions for ensuring the protection of the animals (changing the vehicle, demanding the animals' unloading for rest, water and feed, etc), suspending or revoking authorisations, certificates of approval for vehicles/ certificate of competence for drivers in case of infringements, imposing administrative monetary sanctions.





Cross-border transport of animals

Consignments of animals intended to export – subject to OCs in BIPs/EPs for checking compliance with AW requirements from the assembly centre/establishment of origin up to the BIP/EP: documents, identity and physical check

Documents checked in BIP/EP:

- copy of the transporter's authorisation & certificate of approval for the vehicle/vessel
- certificate of competence for the drivers & attendants / proof of training for crew handling livestock
- journey log
- veterinary health certificate
- notice of intention to load livestock (from origin establishment to CA in EP), 5 working days prior to arrival in EP
- for certain countries of destination (Libya) –valid loading permit (species, no. of animals, same importer as in accompanying documents (HC, bill of loading, invoice, etc.)

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Identity check = random checks of animals' identification codes.

Physical check:

- animals' fitness for transport
- space allowance
- journey planned taking into account feeding and watering times, journey times, resting periods
- quantities of feed, water and bedding onboard
- appropriate vehicle/vessel used for the next part of the journey.

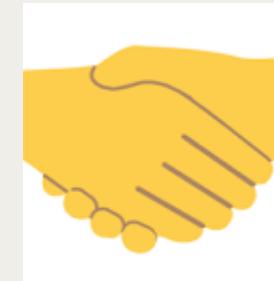


If ok, HC issued by OV in EP. If not, the animals are dispatched to origin.

Conclusions

AW during transport:

- thorough OCs
- sufficient competent drivers/attendants/crews
- **communication** (transporters + CA of countries of destination (feedback at arrival of the animals, in addition to the master's report sent to the CA in the EP))



Thank you

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