World Organisation for Animal Health
and its mandate on animal welfare

Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa

8 - 10 November 2022, Cairo, Egypt
World Organisation for Animal Health
Founded as OIE

- intergovernmental organization with focus on transparently disseminating information on animal diseases, improving animal health and welfare globally and thus build a safer, healthier and more sustainable world.
- 182 Member Countries
- 5 Regional and 8 Sub-Regional Offices
Animal welfare has been identified as a strategic priority for the OIE since 2001, under the mandate granted by all Members.

Resolution XIV form the 70th OIE GS - 2002
Global Animal Welfare Strategy

A world where the welfare of animals is respected, promoted and advanced, in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health, human well-being, socio-economic development and environmental sustainability.

(May 2017)
Regional Animal Welfare Strategies (RAWS)

- Regional priorities
- Regional partners
- Governance
- Actions plans addressing regional needs
Global Animal Welfare Strategy

Strategic pillars

1. Development of Animal Welfare Standards
2. Capacity Building and Education
4. Communication with Governments, Organisations and the Public
THE WOAH STANDARDS

CODES

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic

MANUALS

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic

Available on the WOAH website (www.woah.org)

Standards to improve health and animal welfare, and veterinary public health
SECTION 7. ANIMAL WELFARE

7.1. Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare
7.2. Transport of animals by sea
7.3. Transport of animals by land
7.4. Transport of animals by air
7.5. Slaughter of animals
7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes
7.7. Dog population management
7.8. Use of animals in research and education
7.9. Animal welfare and beef cattle production systems
7.10. Animal welfare and broiler chicken production systems
7.11. Animal welfare and dairy cattle production systems
7.12. Welfare of working equids
7.13. Animal welfare and pig production systems
7.14. Killing of reptiles for their skins, meat and other products
SECTION 7. WELFARE OF FARmed FISH

7.1. Introduction to recommendations for the welfare of farmed fish
7.2. Welfare of farmed fish during transport
7.3. Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption
7.4. Killing of farmed fish for disease control purposes
Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe
(launched in December 2013)

to improve animal welfare in all 53 countries of Europe and empower Veterinary Services to take action on animal welfare in compliance with OIE standards
1st Action Plan (2014-2016)
2nd Action Plan (2017-2019)
3rd Action Plan (2021-2023)

Priority topics
1. Transport of animals by land and sea
2. Slaughter of animals
3. Stray dog population control
4. Welfare of working equids
5. Animal welfare in natural disasters
Middle East Animal Welfare Action Plan
(2016 – 2019)

to empower Veterinary Services to take actions in Animal Welfare in compliance with OIE standards

Priority topics
1. Transport of animals by sea
2. Transport of animals by land
3. Slaughter of animals
4. Stray dog population control
Transport of animals

- Train the Trainers Workshops and Regional Seminar
- Regional Network in Europe
- OIE training modules for transport by land and sea
- Cascading activities organised in countries
- Whole Journey Scenario Workshops (new concept)
Training materials

Animal welfare - transport by land
(ENG/RUS/ARB)

1. Introduction to animal welfare
2. Animal behaviour
3. Use of animal behaviour in handling.
4. Planning and preparations
5. Loading and transport by land
6. Unloading and resting
7. Transport of poultry
8. Responsibilities and competencies
9. Animal welfare in transport and meat quality

Animal welfare - transport by sea
(ENG/ARB)
4. Planning and preparations
5. Loading and transport by sea
6. Unloading

Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics University of Queensland in Australia
OIE Collaborating Center on Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis.
OIE ‘Train-the-Trainer’ Workshops

- OIE Regional Seminar on animal welfare during long distance transport (Moldova - 2018)
OIE Regional ‘Training of Trainers’ Workshop on animal welfare during long transport by land and by sea for Middle East

November 2017 – March 2018

(February – May 2019)
Cascading activities organized in countries

- dedicated workshops (veterinary services, governmental authorities, business operators)
- training session for CA
- dedicated modules included in Continuing Professional Development Programs
The ‘Whole Journey Scenario’ workshops

• **Objective:** to help countries improve animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport in compliance with OIE standards for the whole duration of the journey along the specific route.

• **Focus:** the responsibilities of the Competent Authorities regarding animal welfare over the entire journey, involving all countries along the selected route.

• **Opportunity to** share best practices and strengthen collaboration between Competent Authorities, and other authorities.
Regional workshops

- Pilot WJS workshop (Poland, 2018)
  - example of the legal case (ruling C 424, April 2015) the European Court of Justice
- Follow-up online meeting (2021)

- WJS workshop the Middle East (Jordan, 2019)
Multi-regional workshops

OIE Multi-regional WJS workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe and the Middle East (June 2021)

Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and Turkey
Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates
1st Multi-regional WJS workshop on transport by land and sea between Europe and the Middle East
23 June 2021 (teleconference)

• OIE and OIE mandate on animal welfare OIE TAHC Chapter 7.2 and 7.3

• Country reports (selected countries):
  - Czech Republic - origin country,
  - Slovenia – transit, EU exit country
  - Jordan – destination country
  - Lebanon – destination country

• Outcomes of the EU report and the EU contact points network and working documents (European Commission)

• Presentations best practices for vessels authorization (Ireland)

• Role of the Custom Services in the transport of live animals and collaboration with Veterinary Services (UAE)

• Business operator perspective (TALIA shipping company)

• Competent Authority role in an emergency – case presentation (Egypt) – response to address potential animal welfare issues during blockage of the Suez Canal (March 2021)
1st multi-regional WJS workshop on transport by land and sea between Europe and the Middle (teleconference) - 2021

Conclusions

• need for strengthening communication and collaboration between Competent Authorities and all actors involved in the transport of live animals

• importance of appropriate planning and emergency procedures, including the processes for their verification

• establishment of bilateral and multi-lateral agreements among countries

• further activities supporting the implementation WOAH standards on animal transport aiming at strengthening the collaboration between Competent Authorities and inter-regional cooperation
Multi-regional WJS workshops

Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario (WJS) workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

8-10 November 2022 – Cairo, Egypt
The network of WOAH National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

**Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation**

*(29th Regional Conference, 9-10 November 2020)*

WOAH National Contact Points *(nominated by the OIE Delegate)*

Main tasks - establishing operational communication links within the network of contact points in Europe to facilitate the exchange of the relevant information and solving problems arising with long-distance and cross border transport of animals in the region

**First (kick-off) meeting 18th November 2021 (teleconference)**

TOR, OIE standards on transport, Experience gained by OIE Platform activities (trainings, WJS workshops....), EU perspective and experience and EU contact points

Initial discussion (identifying priorities, operational procedures, further activities)

Next meeting November 2022 (tbc)
**Summary**

- most of the Members have in place specific legislation on animal welfare during transport and generally aligned with WOAH standards,

- however, in many members certain crucial requirements are not included (specific responsibilities and mandatory documented training/practical experience for people in responsible for animals)

- major gaps for implementation of standards: limited budget and/or limited availability of resources and trained personnel

- suggested WOAH initiatives - developing training activities and provide additional guidance through revised and/or new standards in the Terrestrial Code and/or through other WOAH documents
Identification and Involvement of the main actors (across borders – throughout the supply chain)

- Competent Authorities proactivity (e.g. Quarantine services)
- Exporter
- Importers
- Civil Society
- Role of police
- Effective communications (contact points)

Potential revision of the Code Chapters (Science based)

- Animal-base oriented
- Indicators
- Criteria
- Contingency plans (e.g. feed)
- Monitoring (new technologies)
- Neglected areas (laboratory animals)

Inclusion of other sciences

- Economy and other social sciences (local solutions for local problems)
- Applied ethology

Communications

- Coordination
- Attitudes awareness campaigns
- OIE air transport not well known

Support the regulatory framework (Fit for purpose – flexible – consistent. Focused on “Good regulatory practices”)

- Education (to all the concerned participants – behavioural changes (VPP))
- Training
- Coregulation (ISO 34 700)
- Use of OIE tools (PVS pathway)
- Interaction between regulations (Sea – Land)

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“Animal welfare is a journey not a destination”

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