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

Portugal

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• Animal livestock vessel exports to third countries started in September 2015

• Portugal exports animals mainly to Israel and Palestine

• Bovine and ovine animals
• Two sea ports- Setúbal and Sines

• Approved by DGAV as exit points

• Conditions to perform the loading Operations- loading structures; contingency planning

• Farms of origin- Region of Lisbon and Tagus valley (LVT) and Alentejo
Overview of country livestock transport and trade

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<td><strong>Total number of journeys</strong></td>
<td>53</td>
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<td><strong>Total number of bovine</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total number of ovine</strong></td>
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Mortality rate - 0.04% bovine; 0.11% ovine
Competent Authority(ies)

General Direction of Food and Veterinary; Port State Control

Implementation and enforcement of the Regulation 1/2005; WOAH Standards (Chapter 7.2-transport by sea)

Procedures on livestock vessels/Network document on livestock vessels-available online; meetings with organizers and transporters
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**Planning**
- Documentation validation
- Transporter authorisation and vessel certification
- Approval of the Operations
- Transporter and organiser contingency plan (adverse weather, breakdowns, delays, etc.)
- Import permits

**Pre-loading approval of the vessel**
- Vessel conditions, space allowance
- Feed/water/bed; ventilation, drainage, lighting,
- Treatments; cleaning and disinfections; crew training and competence

**Loading operations**
- Control the fitness for transport
- Controls the road transport
- Control the unloading/loading and handling of the animals
- Control of the animals on the vessel prior to departure

**Transport**
- Daily records
- Photos and videos
- Contact whenever there are problems

**At sea port of destination**
- Feedback of the animal and vessel conditions on arrival
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Feedback from the CA of destination

**Very important!!**

- Transporters send reports and photos...but it is not enough...
- Animal indicators and resource indicators-. Animal cleanliness; bed conditions; temp/HR/amonia; ventilation; water and feed available; signs of thirsty and hungry; etc..
- Take measures in case of problems are found: Notification; suspension; withdraw of the authorisation/certification; don’t allow to load; report to the CA that issued the transporter authorisation/vessel certificate of approval

Report to all the contact points for transport
• Import permit - Be sure that the animals are going to be accepted on destination
• Working in close contact with the organisers and transportes
• Just one organiser
• Transporters procedures and records - Daily records of the vessel-report back to the CA of departure
• Specialized stockman on board and crew with specific training
• Transporter contingency plan - report the CA of departure and destination whenever there are problems

• Communication with the CA destination - Feed-back information on arrival of the animals and vessels; contingencies; vessel problems
• Communication with the CA of other countries - issue the transporter authorisation and vessel certification
• Organisers and transporters responsibilities
• Improve the journeys planning
• Crew competence and training- harmonize the system; other competences- specialized stockman and vets
• Clear/aditional vessel requirements
• Collaboration between the Vet authority and the maritime authority
• Harmonize the measures adopted whenever there are problems during the journeys-contingencies

Best vessels and transporters operating in Portugal

Improve the animal welfare conditions during sea transport
Contact point for transport

✓ Create a network - facilitate communication; raise questions; share cases of non compliance; how to act during contingencies; etc...

✓ Share good practices

✓ Discuss practical cases - How to control? What measures to adopt?

✓ Try to find solutions for the problems identified

✓ Discuss network documents - Procedures - authorisations, certifications, controls, etc..
Thank you

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