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

Slovenia

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Overview of country livestock transport and trade

- Main trading countries and routes
  - By land: Hungary, France, Romania, Croatia
  - By sea: Lebanon, Libya
- Number of exported/imported animals and trends
  - Most of animals comes from other EU countries
  - „Import“ from Hungary, Romania, Poland
  - Lebanon (20k cattle, 10k ovine), Libya, Israel, Egypt
  - 50k cattle, 10-20k ovine/caprine
  - 30 ships per year
- Slovenia has one main border control post for sea routes (MVP Koper).
Competent Authority(ies)

Slovenian Competent Authorities work according with:

• Council Regulation (ES) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations

• Council Regulation (ES) No 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing

• Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls...

• National regulations covering transport and handling of animals

• CA in port communicates with Slovenian Veterinary mobile unit and others involved in animal movement (road and sea)

• CA communicates with National contact point for animal transport
Preparation for cross-border transport of animals

• Road transport
  • Number of transports
  • Number/category/species of animals
  • Places of departure/journey times
  • Weather (temperatures)
  • TRACES advanced notification

• Vessel transport
  • Exact time of arrival (at least 4 days before it)
  • All needed documents
  • Time of inspection, eventual inspection of maritime inspection
  • Thetis application check
Border control post Koper – Exit point

- Modern stables and equipment for transshipment of livestock
- The terminal is spatially separated from other parts of the port, which ensures conditions for friendly and peaceful transshipment and well-being of animals during rest
- Good communication between CA and port authorities (maritime inspection, agents/freight forwards, port stable staff) and between CA and NCP
Veterinary mobile unit

- **3 Official Veterinarians, 2 vehicles**
- has the right to stop the transport of animals, which is given to them by Slovenian national legislation
- Always in contact with MVP Koper, when animals are coming to port
- Special vehicles with rotating lights and stop sign
National animal welfare standards

- Overall cover of road transport of animals coming to port of Koper
- Spacious border control post with enough space for most unexpected situations (hot weather, accidents, non-compliances of transport vehicles...)
- Effective and comprehensive control of vehicles and animals, so only healthy animals make the trip
- Everyone working with animal transport and handling is qualified either by legislation 1/2005 or 1099/2009
Conclusions – what can be done better

- Consignments leave after positive vessel check
- Communication between EU contact point and third country contact point
- Veterinarian on board
Thank you

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