Animal welfare legislation and initiatives

UAE country presentation

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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 in Cairo, Egypt
The powers of the various federal institutions (as Ministry) & their relationship with the municipalities & other departments in each emirate are laid down in the constitution. This relationship has evolved over the years of federation in a highly constructive manner.

The Ministry of Climate Change and Environment (MOCCAE) is a federal institution with independent corporate personality & budget, & it has been established in accordance with the Federal Law No. (1) for the year 1972 on the functions of the ministries and the powers of the ministers and its amendments.
Organizational Chart:

Local Partner
ADFSA,
Municipalities
and
Environmental
(Agencies)
Timeline of UAE-AW

- **2007**
  - Federal Law no.16
  - Ministerial Resolution no. 384

- **2008**
  - Adoption Animal Welfare Legislation

- **2014**
  - ME Regional Plan Approved

- **2016**
  - 1st UAE Conference Animal Welfare
  - Federal Law no.22
  - 4th Global Conference for Animal Welfare
  - Stakeholder Meetings on Bylaws – Animal Welfare & Dangerous Animals

- **2017**
  - Training on dog breeds and aging
  - International Forum Paris

- **2018**
  - Minister call public to report cases on 8003050
  - Training on dog breeds and aging

- **2018**
  - Federal Law no.18
  - Training on dog breeds and aging
Minister call public to report cases on 8003050

International Forum Paris

2nd UAE Conference Animal Welfare

Ministerial decree no.467

Ministerial Council decree no.15

Workshop on Animal Transportation

Seminar on MCR.15/2019

Biosecurity alert system

E-GUIDANCE

Euro tier Conference AD 2019

Timeline of UAE-AW
UAE Plan and Actions

Legislations regulate Animal welfare

Federal Law no. 16/2007 concerning Animal Welfare and its amendment (18/2016) and it is By law

* Add the requirements for transportation in the by-law

Federal Law no. 22/2016 concerning Ownership of the Dangerous species and its By law

* Add the requirements conditions and terms for owning dogs

Ministerial Resolution no 109/2021 concerning the terms and conditions to import dog and cats into UAE
Content of the Regulation:
- Duties of animal-based care
- Freedom of movement of animals
- Health and technical conditions for animal installations
- Animal feeding
- Conditions and specifications for loading, transporting, unloading and feeding animals
- Terms of transportation
Ministerial Council decree No.15 / 2019 concerning the bylaw for Federal Law No.22/2016 concerning the Possession of dangerous animals

Content of the Regulation:

• Definitions
• Conditions and procedures of the establishment license
• Provisions relating to prior approval of public exhibitions, competitions or offers of animals
• Provisions relating to prior consent for the transport of dangerous animals
• Provisions relating to the vaccination of dangerous animals
• Conditions of housing
• Required records from the ministry and local authority
• Provisions for the custody and care of dangerous animals
• The terms and conditions of the dog’s possession license and the holder’s obligations
• Provisions relevant to restricting dogs
• Provisions relevant to the definition of dangerous animals
• Annex 1: Vaccination for animals
• Appendix 2: identification tools of animals
Target: (Complete awareness – Proper application – Effective Control)

Timeframe: 2018-2021

* Themes compatible with the regional strategy for animal welfare in the Middle East
In our Strategic plan 2017-2021:

Concerning the Transportation:

✓ Collaboration with the responsible entities
✓ Stepdown training for the personnel from concerned authorities
✓ Produce materials to improve the awareness and knowledge of the people
Biosecurity alert
OIE Regional network of experts on animal welfare during transport by land and by sea.
نسب أعداد الماشية الواردة وفقاً لتصنيف منافذ الدولة

- عبر المطارات: 31%
- عبر الموانيء: 49%
- عبر المنافذ البرية: 20%
الخط الزمني لأعداد إرسالات الأغنام في 2019
نسب أعداد الماشية الواردة وفقاً لتصنيف نوع الحيوان

- أغنام: 91%
- أبقار: 1%
- جمال: 8%
الخط الزمني لأعداد الأغنام في 2019

الإمارات العربية المتحدة
وزارة التغذية والبيئة
Small Ruminant imports

2020
- India: 51%
- Somalia: 26%
- Australia: 12%
- Sultanate of Oman: 7%
- Jordan: 5%
- Lebanon: 2%

2019
- India: 64%
- Somalia: 26%
- Australia: 17%
- Sultanate of Oman: 12%

(Comparison between January-May 2019 and 2020)
Conclusion

• Consideration Should be given for the co-relation between animal health and Animal Welfare

• Capacity for Animal Transportation is a critical point

• Raise the Awareness and Increase the Knowledge is a key point for Animal welfare in Transportation

• Better understanding for the Roles of the relevant authorities will facilitate and improve the application of the animal welfare and establishing a continues communication process

• Integrity between the Import and Export authorities is a must
Thank You