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

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Overview of country livestock transport and trade

Live animals export to Morocco

Cattle 2022

Sheep/goats 2022

Cattle 2023

Sheep 2023
Competent Authority(ies)

CA at central level: Ministry of Agriculture
- Basic legislation
- Coordination (protocols)
- Foreign affairs: export, import, communication

CA at regional level: 17 Autonomous Communities
- Approval of transporters and means of transport (vessels)
- Approval of journey plans
- Official controls in intra-Community trade

CA at central level: official vets at BCP and exit points
- Official controls on imports.
- Official controls on exports
  - Pre loading inspection of the livestock vessels.
  - Control of the loading in livestock vessels.
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Competent Authority(ies)

AWdT Expert Group Liaison bodies

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National animal welfare standards

Regulation 1/2005

- Authorization of transporters. Contingency plans
- Authorization of means of transport: road + livestock vessels
- Role of organisers
- Certificate of competence for drivers
- Journey plan
- Inspection during the loading of livestock vessels
- Fitness for transport
- Transport practices
National animal welfare standards

Regulation 2017/625

Electronic database

Teams of inspectors

Control post at the port

Regulation 2023/372

Vet on board 1st voyage

Contingency plan and controls

Regulation 2023/842
National animal welfare standards
National animal welfare standards
Royal Decree 990/2022

DETAILED REQUIREMENTS FOR EXIT POINTS:

- Facilities:
  - To unload animals when necessary
  - To perform emergency killing

- Operational procedures
- Veterinary services available 24/7
- Training staff
- Contingency plan
SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORTS BY VESSELS:

- Vessel available at least 24h before the expected time of departure.
- Animal weight recordings available for inspectors

ORGANISERS:
- Only one for each vessel.
- Registered
- Contingency plan

TRAINING:
- Port operators.
- Vessel’s crew
Current challenges and conclusions

- Implementation of the new requirements for livestock vessel’s controls: vet on board.
- Practical use of the new database (Thetis)
- Crew’s training
- Communication with CA of the place of destination
Thank you

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