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

### Morocco

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1. Overview of country livestock transport and trade

1.1 Main trading countries and routes:

- By sea:
  1. For import:
     - European Union Countries
     - South America
     - North America
  2. For export:
     - European Union Countries
     - Sub-sahara African countries

- By land: for export and transit
  - Sub-sahara African countries
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### 1.2 Number of exported animals

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<td>Equins</td>
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<td>Dairy Cattle</td>
<td>14.105 heads</td>
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<td>44,135 heads</td>
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<td>4,994,720 units</td>
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• 1.3 Main border control posts / animal holding or quarantine facilities

**Liste of BIPs opened to import/export of live animals and animals products**
Defined by « Arrêté ministériel (5 septembre 1996 modifié et complété le 18 juillet 2016) ».

- **Ports (13)**: Casablanca, Tangier, Kenitra, Safi, Agadir, Jorf Lasfar, Nador, Al Hoceima, Dakhla, Laayoune, Tarfaya, Tantan and Tangier-Mediterranee;

- **Aéroports (11)**: Casablanca, Agadir, Fes, Tangier, Oujda, Rabat-Sale, Marrakech, Laayoune, Dakhla, Ouarzazate and Tantan;

- **Land BIP (1)**: Guergarate-Aousserd(Dakhla).
2. Competent Authority:

- **2.1 Responsible for animal welfare during transport by land and sea**

**National Office for Food Sanitary Safety (ONSSA)**

- *Created by Law N°25-07 in 2009.*
- *Administration Board meeting: December 11th, 2010.*

- Establishment placed under the authority of the Ministry of Agriculture, with legal personality and financial autonomy.

- Exercises missions and attributions, on behalf of the state, to ensure for consumers health protection and to preserve animal and plant health.
2. Competent Authority:

- **2.1 Responsible for animal welfare during transport by land and sea**

  - Surveillance and **protection** of plants and **animals at national level and at borders**.
  
  - Sanitary food safety starting from primary products until the final consumer, including fish products and animal foodstuffs.
  
  - Homologation and control of agricultural inputs (seeds, pesticides, fertilizers) and licensing of veterinary drugs.
  
  - Implementation of laws and policies related to phytosanitary and veterinary sanitary measures.

ONSSA is the **competent authority** to ensure **Animal Welfare** in Morocco.
2. Competent Authority:

2.2 Authorities involved cross-border transport of animals by land and sea
3. National animal welfare standards:

3.1 Project of Law (Animal Health):

1st article:
- To define requirements for animal health and welfare;
- To precise responsibilities regarding animal welfare animal;
- To precise measures to ensure animal welfare

2nd article:
- Indicating that specific measures to ensure animal welfare will be detailed by specific regulation texts (décret et arrêtés spécifiques).

1. Offenses and sanctions:
- To specify offenses and sanctions to be applied when animal welfare measures aren’t respected;

2. Role of veterinary authorities:
- To monitor and enforce animal welfare measures.
- To apply the necessary measures when animal welfare regulations are not respected.
4. National animal welfare standards:

3.2 National procedures:

Measures of AW are applied even in absence of any regulation:

- Transport of imported animals (respect of UE legislation: vehicles prescriptions and travel time).

- Respect of AW is compulsory to authorise animals transit (measures to ensure animals feeding, time of rest, ... apply).

- Respect of AW while approving animal station quarantine (stocking density, ventilation, flooring, bedding, water, feed, paddocks, ...).

- Animal health certificate includes:
  - that animals are controlled and fined to be fit for transport;
  - Transport is conducted in way to preserve animal welfare and to avoid their suffering.
5. Implementation of the standards:

3.2 Implementing, monitoring and evaluation standards on animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport in your country:

- Animals import: Animals are controled upon arrival BIP to check animals health status and transport conditions;

- Animals export: Animals are controled to check if they are fit to travel twice by local VS and by BIP-VS of exit.

- Animals transit:
  • animals are controled upon arrival at BIP to check animals health status and transport conditions;
  • Animals are transported to BIP of exit in respect of AW measures (at least two rest stop in approved stations under veterinary surveillance);
  • Animals are controled at BIP of exit, to check if the transit procedure is well respected.
6. Conclusions:

- Despite the absence of specific national regulations on animal welfare, AW requirements are applied during long transport (import, export and transit);

- Upcoming measures:
  - Development of implementing texts after publication of the project of Law AH;
  - Implementation of a training program for trainers on animal welfare measures;
  - Training of personnel who handle animals (transporters, slaughterhouses, etc.);
  - Strengthening the communication and awareness plan;
  - Raising awareness of the concept of animal welfare among personnel in contact with livestock, particularly those working in slaughterhouses and animal transport;
  - Strengthening collaboration between the public sector, the private sector and NGOs for the implementation of animal welfare measures.
Thank you

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