

# **The practices of animal welfare during transport in third countries: an overview**

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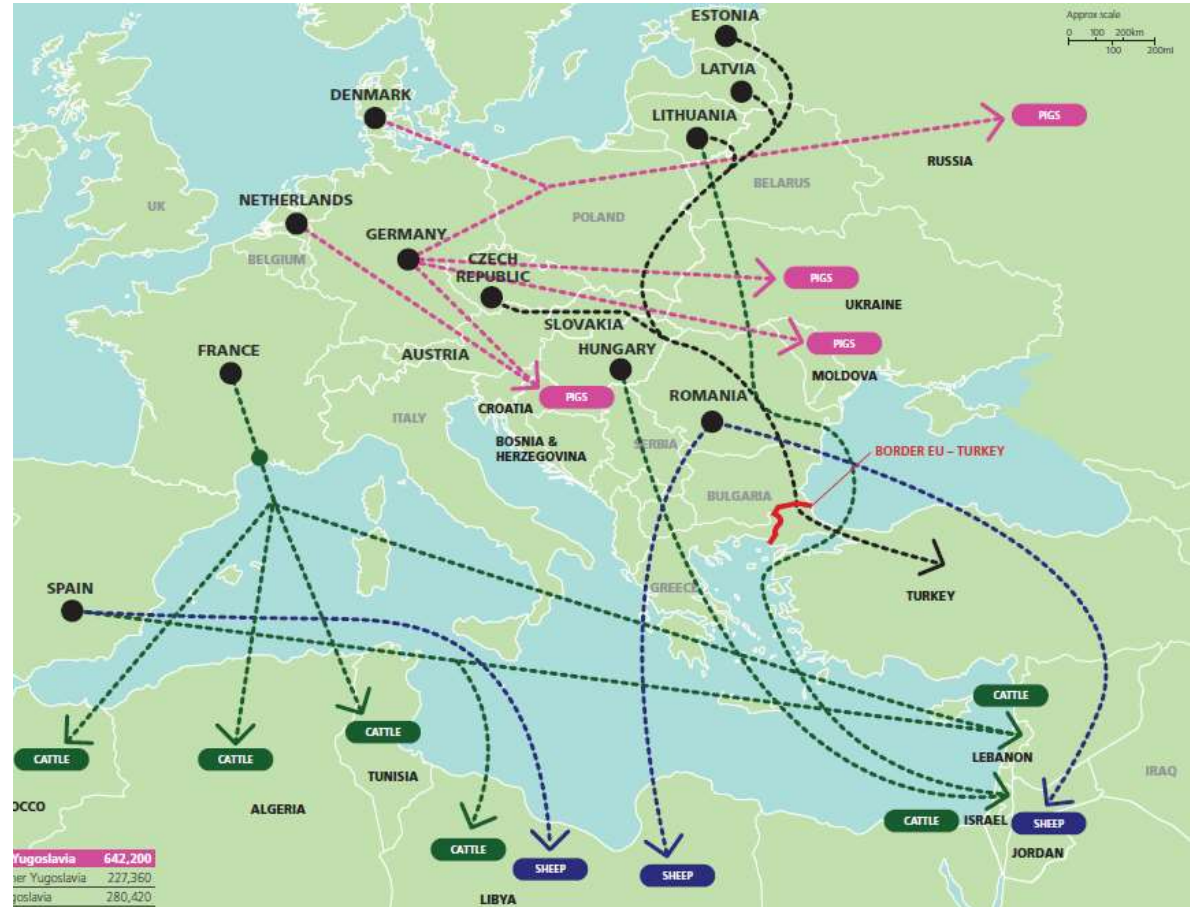
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# 1. Introduction

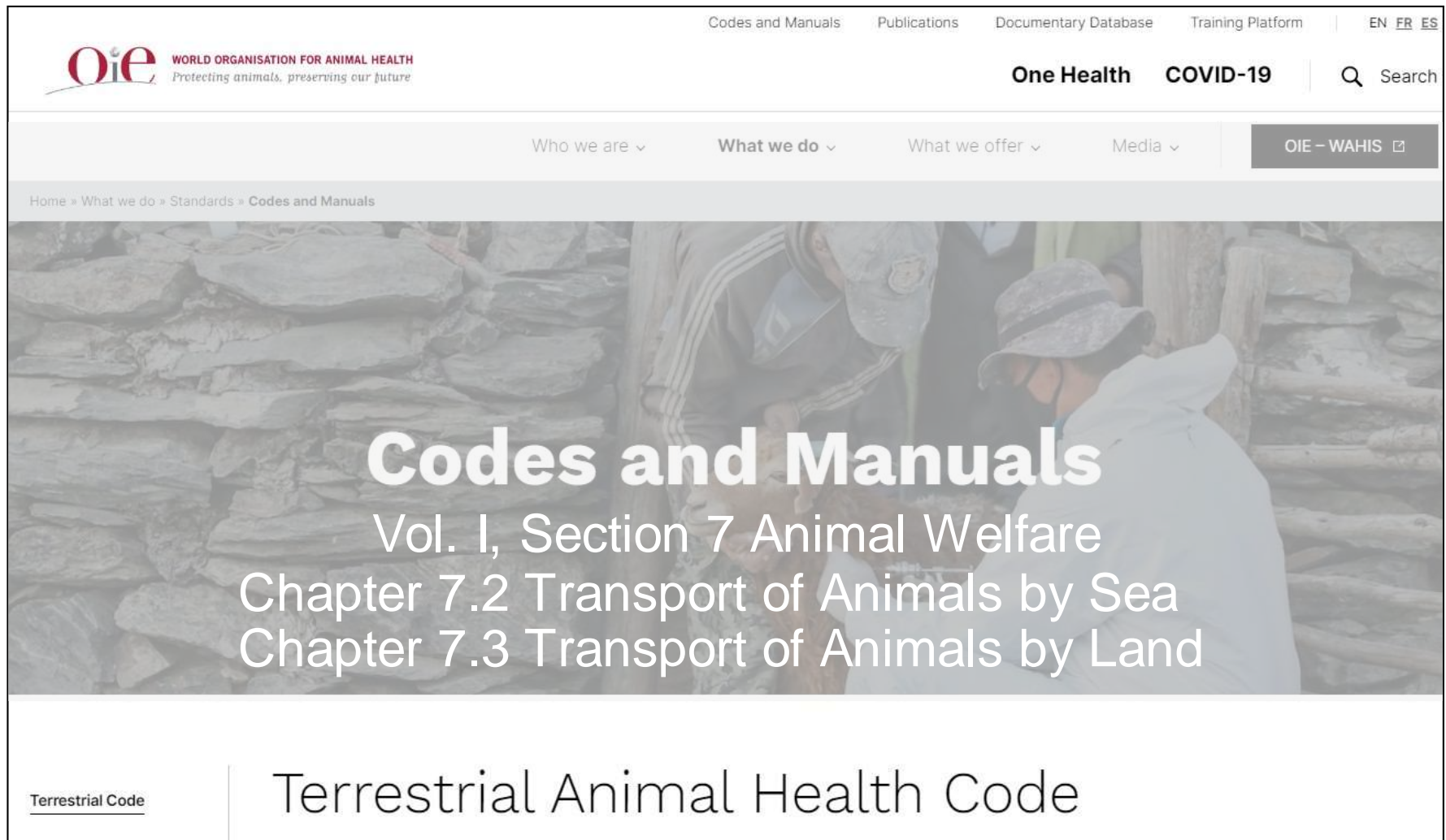
## THE MAIN STRANDS OF THE EU LIVE EXPORT TRADE INCLUDE:

- Around 700,000 cattle and sheep are exported annually from the EU to Turkey.
- Around 70,000 EU cattle a year are sent on lengthy journeys to the Lebanon, mainly from France and Spain.
- France also exports about 30,000 cattle a year to Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.
- Lithuania and Hungary export around 50,000 cattle a year to Israel.
- The EU sends over half a million sheep a year to Libya, mainly from Romania and Spain.
- Over 600,000 pigs are sent each year from the EU to Russia, some all the way from Denmark and Germany.
- Germany and the Netherlands send half a million pigs a year to the former Yugoslavia.
- Germany also exports 100,000 pigs annually to Ukraine and Moldova.



Source: ciwf, AWF, EoA 2021

## 2. Transport practices in third countries



The screenshot shows the OIE website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Codes and Manuals', 'Publications', 'Documentary Database', and 'Training Platform'. The OIE logo and tagline 'Protecting animals, preserving our future' are on the left. On the right, there are links for 'One Health', 'COVID-19', and a search bar. Below the navigation, there are dropdown menus for 'Who we are', 'What we do', 'What we offer', and 'Media'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'Home » What we do » Standards » Codes and Manuals'. The main content area features a large image of two people in protective gear examining an animal. Overlaid on this image is the text: 'Codes and Manuals', 'Vol. I, Section 7 Animal Welfare', 'Chapter 7.2 Transport of Animals by Sea', and 'Chapter 7.3 Transport of Animals by Land'. At the bottom left, there is a link for 'Terrestrial Code' and the title 'Terrestrial Animal Health Code'.

## 2.1. Transport practices in third countries: Brazil

- Legislative Norms: limited (i.e. vehicle standards)
- Different on state level: i.e. transport duration limits
- Different on state level: i.e. fitness for transport
- no norm: space allowances, watering, feeding intervals
- API index 2020: “D”
- Guidelines: dedicated for export
- Ramp, vehicle design, handling
- No roof, no ventilation, no watering
- Space allowance: m length/animal
- Travel max 12 hours ⇨ unloading
- Dialog EU/Brazil 2015: comp. EU – Brazil Legislation and Enforcement

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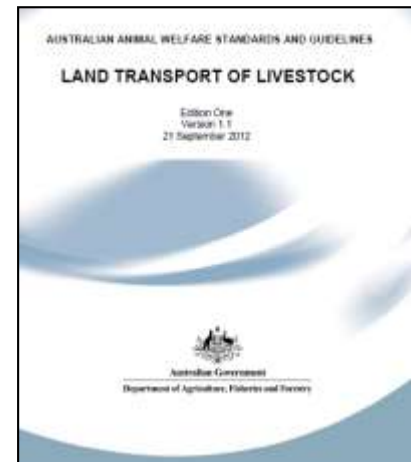


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## 2.2. Transport practices in third countries: Australia

- Legislative Norms: on State and Territory level
- National level: export trade of live animals
- Australian standards for the export of livestock (2020)
- Different on state level: land transport of livestock (2012)
- Australian Animal Welfare standards and guidelines
- Separation of requirements, no “good” or “better”
- no legal norm: i.e. space allowances  
water deprivation for up to 48 hours
- API index 2020: “E”



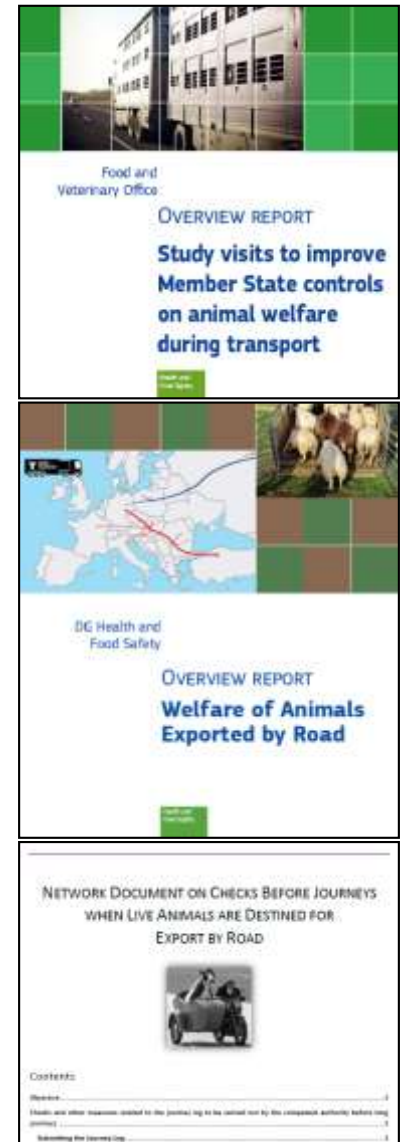
### 3. Legal framework and scientific basics

- “Worldwide”: **OIE** Terrestrial Animal Health Code Chapter 7.2 and 7.3 (Guideline)
- **Regulation (EC) No 1/2005**
- **Regulation (EC) No 1255/97** amended
- **Regulation (EC) No 2017/625 OCR**
- ECJ ruling **c-424/13** “Zuchtvieh-case”
- ECJ ruling **c-383/16** “Vion-case”
- Scientific opinion **SCAHAW** 2002
- Scientific opinion **EFSA** 2004
- Scientific opinion **EFSA** 2011
- **EFSA** tech Rep 2009 “Risk assessment”
- **EU** project “Control Posts”
- **EU** project “Certifications”
- **EU** project “Animal Transport Guides”



## 4. Implementation and Enforcement

- **Evaluation** of the European Union strategy for the protection and welfare of animals 2012-2015
- **COM report** on study visits to improve MS controls on animal welfare during transport
- **Network Document** on controls for export
- **COM report** on Welfare of Animals exported by road (2020)
- **Network Document** (rev.) for livestock vessels
- **COM report** on Welfare of Animals exported by sea (2020)
- **EU Platform** on Animal Welfare
- **NGO reports** on Infringements during and after transports for export





## 5. Conclusions and Recommendations

- Amendment of Reg. (EC) No 1/2005 (i.e.):
  - Specific definition of permissible transport conditions with regard to the specific physiological, ethological and thermoregulatory coping capacities of the different animal species and categories
  - Establish a framework for environmental conditions under which animal transport is technically possible without special equipment (other than a sufficient ventilation system).
- Reinforcement and harmonization of the enforcement of the Regulation and the ECJ rulings against an EU-wide standard by competent authorities (in conjunction with OCR 2017/625)
- EU-wide harmonized technical requirements and systems for the approval of all means of transport (road vehicles, vessels, RoRo ferries, containers), limiting on 2 years of approval
- Certification and auditing of Control and Staging Posts within and outside of the EU

# Thank you for listening!