

Information concerning live animal transport by road within the EU

A useful website showing the situation at EU's internal borders: <https://covid-19.sixfold.com/>

AUSTRIA

Info last updated on 19/03/2020

No restrictions in the country concerning live animal transport but there may be longer waiting times than usual at the borders, particularly with Italy (temperature checks of drivers).

For further information concerning the passenger traffic, please consult the website of the Federal Ministry of the Interior at: www.bmi.gv.at

BULGARIA

Info last updated on 20/03/2020

No specific restrictions for live animal transports.

Turkey is still accepting live animal consignments.

At the border with Romania traffic is intense (when entering Bulgaria) at the Rousse-Danube Bridge and the Vidin-Danube Bridge, and traffic is intensive for trucks at the entrance. At Durankulak, Silistra and Oryahovo-Becket border checkpoints, traffic is normal.

For traffic updates consult: <https://mvr.bg/press/актуална-информация/актуална-информация/актуално/преглед/актуално/информация-от-гдгп-за-трафика-на-българските-гранични-контролно-пропускателни-пунктове-към-15-часа03202020> (in Bulgarian only but Google translate seems to do a good job)

In case of emergency the Situation Center hotlines in Bulgaria are:

(+359) 2 948 24 04; (+359) 2 971 38 56 and e-mail: crisis@mfa.bg

CROATIA

Info last updated on 25/03/2020

Transit traffic through the territory of the Republic of Croatia is carried out under a special regime. Entrance is allowed at the following border crossings:

- at the border between Slovenia and Croatia through the border crossings of Bregan and Macelj;
- at the border between Hungary and Croatia through the Goričan and Duboševica border crossings;

- at the border between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia through the border crossings of Nova Sela, Stara Gradiska and Slavonski Samac;
- at the border between Serbia and Croatia through the border crossing Bajakovo.

All livestock vehicles transiting through the territory of the Republic of Croatia will be escorted all the way by the police that determines the directions of movement and places for refueling and resting.

Info from 16/03/2020

No restrictions on the movement of live animals BUT persons (drivers and attendants) coming from high-risk countries:

- are subject to border surveillance with a view to detect eventual occurrence of Covid-19 disease;
- enter Croatia under a special regime.

Expect waiting times at the Croatian borders.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Info from 26/03/2020

“Green lanes” have been designated (priority lanes for freight transport of perishable goods, livestock, etc.).

There is an overtaking ban for heavy goods vehicles (HGV) on motorways and dual carriageways D1, D2, D5, D8 and D 11 leading to the border-crossing points. The ban will remain in place for 60 days.

Live animal transports are exempt from this ban.

FRANCE

Info updated on 20/04/2020

Since the 8 of April three new declarations have entered into force in France, for international travellers.

After consulting colleagues in the Ministry responsible for the transport of goods, the French competent authority recommends that transporters travelling to France from another Member State complete the following two documents mentioned on the official website at:

<https://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Actualites/L-actu-du-Ministere/Attestation-de-deplacement-et-de-voyage>

- **«voyage international de l'étranger vers la France métropolitaine»** (international travel to metropolitan France). Note that:
 - that there is now a better translation of the English version of the document;
 - a numeric version is now also available on the official website . This generates a QR Code, that can be presented on a smartphone.
- **«justificatif de déplacement professionnel»** (exemption for professional travel)

GERMANY

Info from 08/04/2020

The German authorities would like to draw everyone's attention to [information published by the German Federal Police](#) on their website.

The site is in German only, but basically describes who is currently allowed to enter Germany. It details that there must be a valid reason, otherwise they will be rejected at the border. Transport of livestock is regarded as a valid reason. However, there might be the chance that the transports of pet animals (e.g. by NGOs) is not regarded as a valid reason. For further information, the Federal Police can be contacted on the following hotline number: +49 (0)800 6 888 000.

Info from 26/03/2020

Traffic leading to the Polish borders has returned to normal (see also information under Poland).

GREECE

Info last updated on 24/03/2020

Animal transports can move between Greece and Albania and North Macedonia.

However movement of trucks at the Evzoni border (in northern Greece with North Macedonia) in both directions is not permitted between 10 pm and 6 am.

Info from 20/03/2020

There are restrictions on the movement of persons between Greece and Turkey. Therefore animal transports can not move between Greece and Turkey (and vice-versa).

The movement of live animal transports continues normally between Greece and Bulgaria (and between Greece and Italy via ro-ro).

HUNGARY

Info last updated on 26/03/2020

Live animal transports transiting through Hungary can now stop for the 24-hour rest BUT the drivers must notify the police at torzs@orfk.police.hu **if they intend to make this stop**.

Under current regulations, if the driver stops, he will be quarantined automatically but no formal quarantine decision will be issued, however he must not leave his truck cab (in practice, the designated control post).

After the 24-hour rest period, in order to leave the control post, the driver needs a written permission from the police, which must also be requested from torzs@orfk.police.hu .

In all cases, the application must state in capital letters: "LIVE ANIMAL TRANSIT TRANSPORT".

The Hungarian competent authority advises that the above should be implemented as follows:

1. In case of transit through Hungary, the transporter should send a notification in English to torzs@orfk.police.hu and to the Hungarian NCPs (pallosl@nebih.gov.hu and aai@nebih.gov.hu) at the latest at the time of departure indicating where and when he wants to rest in Hungary. The printed copy of this communication has to be with the driver on entry into the Hungarian border.
2. The notification must include:
 - a. at which border crossing he wants to enter the territory of Hungary;
 - b. the name of the transporter company;
 - c. the name and surname of the driver and the drivers personal data;
 - d. plate number of the vehicle.
3. After the 24-hour rest, the control post should assist in sending the email to torzs@orfk.police.hu requesting permission to leave the control post.

You can consult <http://www.police.hu/en/content/foreign-citizens-cannot-enter-hungary> to check the time needed to transit Hungarian borders with EU and non-EU countries.

ITALY

Info last updated on 27/03/2020

Drivers going to, or transiting through, Italy must complete and carry this declaration with them:

https://www.interno.gov.it/sites/default/files/allegati/nuovo_modello_autodichiarazione_26.03.2020_editabile.pdf

Info from 19/03/2020

~~The transport of live animals for zootechnical or reproductive use is authorised to transit through Italy while respecting all the necessary measures for human health and safety in view of the Covid-19 emergency.~~

~~The only limitation is for example for registered horses not for reproductive use. The movement of these animals, as of any pet animal, is only allowed to and from veterinary clinics and for other veterinary reasons.~~

POLAND

Info last updated on 26/03/2020

The Polish authorities suggest that live animal transports coming to Poland from Germany enter at the border crossing of Świecko.

The border in Gubinek (Polish-German border) is open exclusively for live animal transports.

ROMANIA

Info from 17/03/2020

No restrictions on movement of live animals BUT in order to enter Romania, persons transporting live animals (drivers and attendants) must respect the following criteria:

- Absence of symptoms of COVID-19 infection;
- Equipped with means of protection i.e. disinfectant, gloves and face masks.

SLOVENIA

Info from 17/03/2020

No restrictions on movement of live animals BUT there may be extended waiting times at the Slovenian border.

Consult <https://www.promet.si/portal/en/1traffic-conditions.aspx> for updated information on traffic situation in Slovenia.

SPAIN

Update of 30/03/2020

In order to minimise the contact between the inspectors working at the Algeciras BIP and the drivers and therefore to reduce the risk of contracting coronavirus, in the following days the inspectors will receive the journey log from the customs authorities by email. The veterinarians will do the controls as always and they will complete Section 3 that will be also sent to the customs services by email.

The only difference with respect to the normal procedure is that the completed Section 3 will not be the original one and that the BIP will keep a copy of the journey log, not the original.

Info from 23/03/2020

The number of ro-ro vessels leaving Algeciras, Spain, to Morocco has decreased by 40% and spaces available for livestock transport on board these vessels has decreased considerably. Spanish authorities suggest avoiding or reducing the number of live animal transports to Morocco via this route.

UNITED KINGDOM

Info from 14/04/2020

For England:

Under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020, anyone who leaves the place where they are living without a reasonable excuse is committing a criminal offence.

It is not clear how collecting a dog from a rescue charity at an airport or elsewhere would constitute a reasonable excuse.

The legislation also contains strict rules on gatherings of two or more people which must be complied with at all times during the movement of these animals, and Public Health England guidance on social distancing must be followed.

The UK competent authority strongly advises that dogs should be collected from the airport by an authorised transporter and delivered to the new owners. If the animals are entering the UK by road, they should be delivered directly to the stated destination address. This will avoid any animal welfare issues that could arise if new owners are directed to return home before they are able to claim their new pets.

NOTE: unless otherwise specified, “border” refers to borders between Member States