

Information concerning live animal transport by road within the EU

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.

Normal waiting times at the Bulgarian-Turkish border. Turkey is still accepting live animal consignments.

Normal traffic between Bulgaria and Greece.

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

Update of 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 of more than 18 hours.

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 24/03/2020

Live animal transports transiting through Hungary can now stop for the 24-hour rest BUT the drivers must always notify the police at torzs@orfk.police.hu .

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. 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 time needed to transit Hungarian borders with EU and non-EU countries.

ITALY

Info last updated on 24/03/2020

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

https://www.interno.gov.it/sites/default/files/allegati/nuovo_modello_autodichiarazione_23.03.2020_compilabile.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 20/03/2020

The border in Gubinek (Polish-German border) is open exclusively for live animal transports. Traffic leading to this border crossing (from Germany) has normalised.

At other borders, Polish border controls are taking up to 24 hours.

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

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.

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