

THEREFORE TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION THE SUBGROUP RECOMMENDS THAT:

❖ COMMISSION

It would be helpful for the Commission to produce concise guidance for MSs that brought together the above points of good practice and the points made in DG Sante's letter of 28 July 2016 to the MS CVOs and Commissioner Andruikaitis' letter of 26 April 2018 to the MS Agriculture Ministers. This would helpfully bring together all these constructive points in one document.

It would be important to have constant communication and cooperation with third countries, including a contact point, in order to avoid the recurrence of problems. Also there should be cooperation in order to establish systems that allow a smoother process.

There should be help, including financial help, to MSs and industry in order to build better infrastructures at exit points in order to allow for better conditions for animals in case of undue delays.

The Commission, along with all other members of the Animal Transport subgroup, should continue to foment activities in order to disseminate the Animal Transport Guides.

❖ ORGANISERS

When submitting journey logs, organisers should provide updated and ensure transporters have detailed contingency plans that drivers must have with them during the journey. These plans should include adequate arrangements to meet the animals' needs in the case of unexpected long delays at the border including how to obtain and provide bedding, feed and water for the animals. The plans should also include information on what to do in case of emergencies such as vehicle breakdown, sick or injured animals, traffic accidents, etc. Organisers should use the Journey-Specific Contingency Plan Template provided in Annex 4 of the Network Document "Checks before journeys when live animals are destined for export by road".

Organisers should provide certificates of competence for all drivers they intend to use for journeys which exceed 8 hours, and to meet the requirements of both regulations for social hours and Regulation 1/2005¹⁷.

When submitting journey logs, organisers should provide proof of reservations at control post(s) to unload and rest the animals.

When submitting journey logs, organisers should provide declarations concerning how the provision of food, water and bedding throughout the journey will be achieved.

The timing of the journey should be organised in order to have the animals rested and present for the border controls before the opening time of the border controls.

