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Dear M. Stéphane Le Foll,

Breaches of Council Regulation 1/2005 during export of cattle from France to Turkey

Inspection-teams from Eyes on Animals (EonA) and the Animal Welfare Foundation (AWF) checked on cattle trucks from the EU waiting at the Kapitain Andreevo (BG)/Kapikule(TR) border on 22-29 July 2015. The situation was very alarming. The fact that France was approving exports of live animals to Turkey at this time when the weather is extremely hot (between 34 and 40 degrees outside) and it is known that livestock trucks must remain stationary for hours and sometimes days at the EU/Turkey border found on this route, is a shame. The animals were seriously suffering from heat stress. The French veterinarians should have restricted exports on this route during the extreme hot periods. Annex I, chapter VI, 3.1 of EC 1/2005 requires that the temperature inside the vehicles for the animals does not exceed 30 degrees Celcius. A 5 degree tolerance, thus up to 35 degrees, is given but should not be interpreted as an acceptable standard to abide by. The essence of the 30 degree maximum is to protect the animals from heat stress and should be interpreted and enforced as such.

To give you an idea of the heat at this border crossing and its effect on the animals, please watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7Hn-sWnPzY>

What aggravated the welfare-situation even more was that almost all of the livestock trucks coming from France had high loading densities. It seems that no consideration was given by the French authorities of the EC 1/2005 Annex I, Ch. VII B regulation requiring that loading densities be decreased when meteorological conditions will have a negative impact and in certain cases loading densities exceeded the EU maximums even for normal weather.

Additionally many of these journeys were illegal because the animals would be confined on the vehicles for longer than the 29-hour maximum permitted period. In its recent judgment in the Zuchtvieh case, the EU Court of Justice ruled that the requirements of Regulation 1/2005 apply not just within the EU but also to that part of the journey that takes place once the animals exit the EU.

Under Regulation 1/2005 after 28 hours travel and one-hour water break on board, cattle must be unloaded at a control post and given 24 hours rest, food and water. There are however no control posts in Turkey. Therefore many of these consignments are in breach of the requirements on resting times as the overall

travelling time from the place of departure or most recent EU control post used, to the final destination in Turkey (including the waiting time at the border) will exceed this maximum.

Below you will find detailed check-lists of all 23 livestock trucks that we checked originating in France and approved by French authorities. We would like to request that you send out an urgent letter to all local French veterinarians about these problems, to avoid them from occurring again as the summer is not yet over. We would also like to request that you take the necessary action against the veterinarians, transport companies and exporters responsible for causing this suffering to occur.

We will be notifying the EU Commission of this recent lack of enforcement and will approach the media shortly.

We look forward to your reply to this letter at your most early convenience.

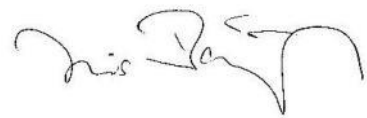
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1. Inspection check-lists of livestock trucks waiting inside the border

TRUCK 1

Date: 22.07.2015
Arrival time at border: we do not know
Time/place of first sight: 11:20 in NML ("No Man's Land" is the area inside the border, passed the Bulgarian checks. This area is considered Turkish soil and livestock trucks must wait here in the direct sun. They cannot turn around to re-enter EU once here)
Time/place of inspection: 11:20 in NML
Departure time from border: We do not know exactly. Still seen at 20:00.
Company name and contact: **Team De Hosse (French)**
Cabin colour and licence plate: grey, F - BM 250 BA
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate: grey, F - CE 505 TB
Animals: fattening bulls
Water system: on - **troughs for adults but dung in them, too dirty to use**
Ventilation: present but turned off at moment of inspection
Temperature: **circa 32°C**
Number of decks loaded: 2
Headspace: ok (roof was raised though above)
Loading density: **too high, not all can lie down at same time and animals showing heat stress (breathing fast, panting)**
Dividers: **not solid to floor**
Bedding: ok
Unfit or dead animals: no (only checked first floor)
Origin of animals/ear tag: French ear tags
Place of departure: drivers not present so we can only assume from France because of ear tags but are not certain.
Resting place: ""
Place of destination: ""
Waiting time at border: **at least 9 hours**
Comments:

- **At 20:00 on 22.07.2015, this truck is still parked in NML.**
- We are informed that this truck has a big problem because the driver does not have the orange carnet booklet required for import.



Dung in water trough



Inappropriate divider with gap (risk of getting trapped)



Crowded conditions

TRUCK 2

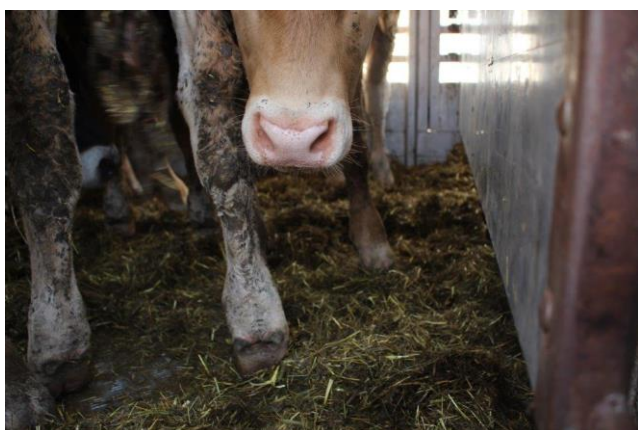
Date:	22.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	We do not know
Time/place of first sight:	11:30 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	11:30 and 14:00 in NML
Departure time from border:	at 20:00 still present inside NML, but gone the next morning
Company name and contact:	Hunland (Hungarian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	black, H - LVG513
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, H - XXD878
Animals:	fattening bulls
Water system:	turned off
Ventilation:	turned off, but fans present
Temperature:	circa 32°C
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	too crowded considering temperature, 8 bulls in swan neck, 2nd floor of swan neck also loaded
Dividers:	not solid to the floor
Bedding:	sufficient in quantity, but quite dirty - strong smell of ammonia
Unfit or dead animals:	no, only checked first floor
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	France
Resting place:	acc. to driver he stopped at a control post in Italy and Royal Haskovo (BG)
Place of destination:	Izmir
Waiting time at border:	more than 9 hours
Comments:	at 20:00 on 22.07, still parked in NLM



Divider not solid to the floor (risk of injury)



Crowded



Bedding is dirty and smells of ammonia

TRUCK 3

Date:	22.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	11:00 at NML
Time/place of first sight:	11:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	11:30 in NML
Departure time from border:	23:30
Company name:	Drost Transport (Dutch company) , Exporter is Agriworld from Belgium .
Cabin colour and licence plate:	red, NL - 54 BDZ 3 (rented by Drost)
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, with a red trim, NL - OK 59 SB
Animals:	young bulls
Number of animals:	60 acc. to driver
Water system:	turned on, but quite dirty
Ventilations:	present, but off at the moment of inspection
Temperature:	1st floor 32°C, 2nd floor 34°C (acc. to truck monitor)
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	crowded, especially for high temperature
Dividers:	yes, but not solid to ground
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	no, only checked first floor
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tag
Place and time of departure:	Saint Germain Lespinasse, France at 17:00 on the 17.07.2015

Resting place: Hungary (Reditch) and Romania (Bujoreni), left Bujoreni on the 21.07. at 23:30 (acc. to driver)

Place of destination: Bigadic, Balikesir

Waiting time at border: **more than 12 hours**

Comments:

- **Two bulls have a broken horn;** one of them is still bleeding quite a lot.
- **One bull is observed panting, others look exhausted.**
- **There is only one driver, he is doing this whole journey alone.**
- At 23:30, they drive past Hotel Londra and team AWF trails it (see Annex 2 to read about the trailing).



Bull with left horn broken / crowded conditions



Bull panting / inappropriate divider with gap



Bull with right horn broken, still bleeding



Exhausted bull / dangerous gap under divider

TRUCK 4

Date: 22.07.2015

Arrival time at border: 11:00 at NML

Time/place of first sight: 11:00 in NML

Time/place of inspection: 11:50 in NML

Departure time from border: 23:30 on 22.07.2015

Company name: [Hinde Exports \(Irish company\)](#)

Cabin colour and licence plate: blue, IRL - 07D88972

Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate: white with blue trim, IRL - 07D88972

Animals: young bulls

Number of animals: 60 acc. to driver

Water system:	turned on
Ventilation:	present but off
Temperature:	circa 32°C
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	crowded considering the heat
Dividers:	yes and they are good, solid to the floor
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	no, only checked 1 st floor
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French
Place of departure:	Saint Germain Lespinasse, France
Resting place:	Triest in Italy, also in Bujoreni, Romania (acc. to driver)
Place of destination:	Bigadic, Balikesir
Waiting time at border:	more than 12 hours
Comments:	
-	Driver is alone (surpass driver's hours?).
-	Both decks of the swan neck are loaded with animals. He has stored feed in the compartments under the lorry.
-	At 23:30, they drive past Hotel Londra and team AWF trails it (see Annex 2 to read about the trailing).



High loading density



Feed storage

TRUCK 5

Date:	22.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	no info
Time/place of first sight:	11:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	13:20 in NML
Company name:	Polzoo-Exim Srl, Tel: 0040268481125, 506070 Halchin, Brasov, Romania
Cabin colour and licence plate:	blue, (RO) SB 70 DOB
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, (RO) SB 10 XNU
Animals:	fattening bulls
Water system:	adult troughs in corner, water inside but could not test to see if working, some dirt in trough
Ventilation:	on
Temperature:	circa 32°C
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	crowded especially considering high temperature

Dividers:	in place, but not solid to floor
Bedding:	thick layer, but already quite dirty
Unfit or dead animals:	no (only checked bottom floor)
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	no info, assume France due to ear tags but are not certain
Resting place:	no info
Place of destination:	acc. to driver near Ankara, but he may not have understood the question
Comments:	some bulls are observed panting



Crowded conditions



Divider not solid to floor (risk of injury)



Bull panting (heat stress)

TRUCK 6

Date:	22.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	around 6:00 (acc. to driver)
Time/place of first sight:	11:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	12:15 in NML
Departure time from border:	22:30
Company name:	Hefter (German company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	red, D - SU EH 812
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	swan neck red, white and yellow, D - SU H6012
Animals:	fattening bulls

Number of animals:	63
Water system:	dirty water
Number of decks loaded:	2 decks (also swan neck loaded in two levels)
Ventilation:	present but turned off at moment of inspection
Temperature:	circa 32°C
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	crowded especially considering high temperature
Dividers:	good, solid to the floor
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	no
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	likely France
Resting place:	once in Trieste and once in Romania
Place of destination:	Kirsehir (900 km from border)
Waiting time at border:	around 16.5 hours
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By the time he will reach the final destination (still 900 km left), the truck will be in violation of the EC maximum journey time of 29 hours.



Crowded



Filthy water in cattle trough

TRUCK 7

Date:	22.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	no info
Time/place of first sight:	14:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	14:30 in NML
Departure time from border:	still parked inside NML at 19:30, we see it drive by later in the evening at around 21:30
Company name:	Pimk (Bulgarian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	white, (BG) PB9429KH
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey and red trim, (BG) PB 1294EB
Animals:	fattening bulls
Water system:	turned on, but only nipples working. Bulls are very thirsty and have trouble getting enough water from nipples, water is warm. The automatic troughs better suited for adult cattle seem to be broken.
Ventilation system:	off at moment of control, but fans present
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok

Loading density:	very crowded, especially given this heat
Dividers:	not solid to floor
Bedding:	bedding extremely filthy and wet, strong stench of ammonia
Unfit or dead animals:	no, checked both floors
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	France
Resting place:	according to driver they stopped in Romania
Place of destination:	no info
Waiting time at border:	at least 7 hours



Bulls desperately trying to drink from nipples



Very crowded



Extremely filthy and wet bedding, high ammonia

TRUCK 8

Date:	22.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	11:30, acc. to papers
Time/place of first sight:	14:30 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	15:00 in NML
Departure time from border:	19:30 still in NML, gone the next morning
Company name:	Pimk (Bulgarian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	red, (BG) PB6408KH
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey with red trim, (BG) PB1293EB
Animals:	fattening bulls
Number of animals:	65 acc. to papers (from E.E.)
Water system:	turned off but we got driver to turn it on, very little water

pressure and only coming out of nipples. Water that comes it is extremely warm. No animal will drink it at this temperature. Driver did not know that he must get the corner troughs working. He thought metal nipple automatic system is adequate for bulls of this size. He also did not know that when water in tank gets warm he needs to empty it out and fill it back up with fresh and cool water.

Ventilation system:	turned on
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	insufficient, bulls touching ceiling with their head
Loading density:	too crowded, especially for this heat
Dividers:	in place, but small gap underneath
Bedding:	extremely filthy and wet
Unfit or dead animals:	no, we checked both floors
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	France (Saint Germain) on 17.07.2015, 14:30
Resting place:	acc. to section 4 he stopped twice, once at a control post in Italy and once in Arad, Romania.
Place of destination:	Yozgat (district Yerkoy), 200 km further east from Ankara
Waiting time at border:	more than 8 hours
Comments:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Some bulls were eating their own dirty bedding.- Given the fact that the animals had only last been unloaded in Arad (Romania), the more than 8 hrs waiting inside the border, and the fact that once they enter Turkey would still have another 923 km to its final destination, it will certainly be in violation of the EC maximum journey time of 29 hours when it will reach the final destination.



Very dirty floor, almost no bedding left



Insufficient headspace



Very crowded

TRUCK 9

Date: 22.07.2015
Arrival time at border: arrived at 10:00 to NML
Time/place of first sight: 10:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection: 14:30 in NML
Company name: Hunland (Hungarian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate: black, (H) MRC 226
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate: grey, (H) WAD 966
Animals: fattening bulls
Water system: turned off at moment of inspection, straw is in the troughs making it unattractive for animals to drink from
Ventilation: turned on
Temperature: circa 32°C
Number of decks loaded: 2
Headspace: ok
Loading density: quite crowded, especially in this temperature
Dividers: in place, but with open gap underneath
Bedding: lots of bedding, still clean
Unfit or dead animals: no, but only checked bottom floor
Origin of animals/ear tag: French ear tags
Place of departure: France
Resting place: acc. to driver in Italy and Royal Haskovo, BG
Place of destination: farm near Izmir (acc. to driver)
Waiting time at border: at least 5 hours
Comments:

- This truck is seen again the next day, on 23.07.2015 at 13:00 parked in the sun with the animals still on board at the customs in Istanbul!



Divider not solid to floor



Unusable water trough (full of straw)



Crowded

Thursday 23.07.2015 13:00 this Hunland truck with French bulls still on board is seen parked at Istanbul customs.

At the customs in Istanbul, there is no place designated for livestock trucks. They are parked at different locations in between trucks transporting goods. **There is no shade, no water and no feed available for the animals and limited air movement.**

When we enter the customs area at 13:00, we observe six Hunland trucks parked together, this one included.



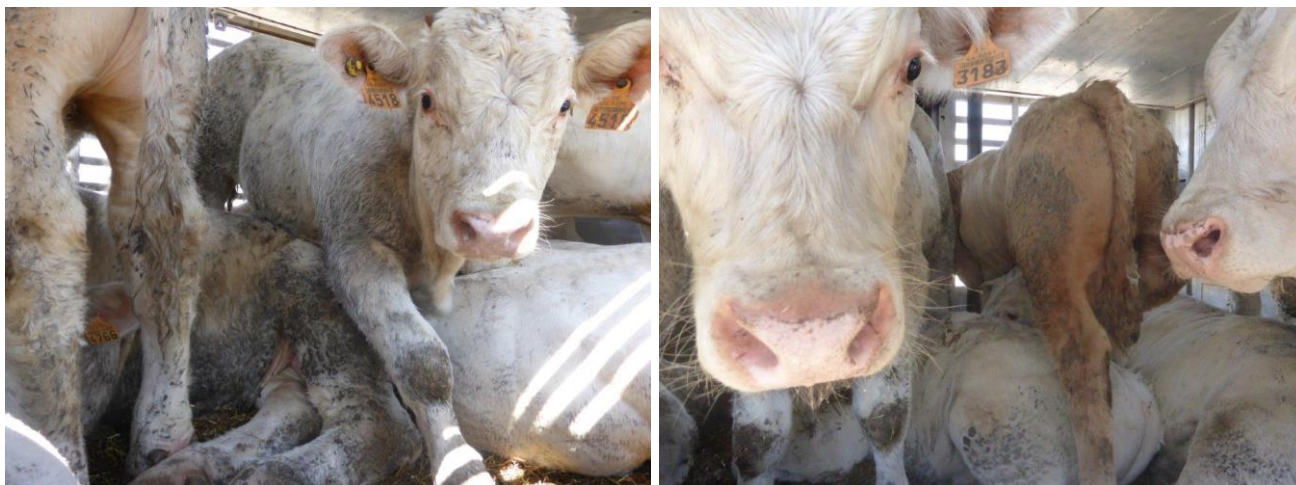
Livestock trucks parked in full sun, in between other trucks

TRUCK 10

Date:	22.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	no info
Time/place of first sight:	13:58 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	13:58 in NML
Company name:	Hunland (Hungarian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	black, (H) M JW 159
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, (H) XYZ 508
Animals:	fattening bulls

Number of animals:	67 acc. to driver (!!)
Water system:	turned off, full of straw and dirt
Ventilation:	turned off at moment of inspection
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	crowded, especially given the temperature and Long border waiting times
Dividers:	in place, but open gap underneath
Bedding:	lots of bedding, still quite dry and clean
Unfit or dead animals:	no, but only checked first floor
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	Les Essarts, France
Resting place:	acc. to driver once in Italy and once in Royal Haskovo, Bulgaria
Place of destination:	Izmir
Comments:	

Thursday 23.07.2015 13:00 this Hunland truck with French bulls still on board is seen parked at Istanbul customs.



High loading density especially considering the heat



Livestock truck seen again next day at 13:00 parked in full sun at Istanbul customs. Animals still on board.

TRUCK 11

Date:	22.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	no info
Time/place of first sight:	12:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	19:20 in NML
Departure time from border:	at 20:00 still parked in NML
Company name:	Hunland (Hungarian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	black, (H) MJW 152
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, (H) XYC 546
Animals:	fattening bulls
Number of animals:	acc. to driver 49
Water system:	turned off
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Ventilation:	turned on at moment of control
Temperature:	around 32°C
Loading density:	ok (better than the others)
Dividers:	yes, good
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	no, but only could check bottom floor
Origin of animals/ear tag:	France
Place of departure:	France
Resting place:	Proseco, Italy and then Royal Haskovo, Bulgaria (acc. to driver)
Place of destination:	Torbali (acc. to driver)
Waiting time at border:	more than 8 hours
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When we inspected the truck, the water system was turned off. The driver told us he gave animals water while at Royal Haskovo. We told him he needs to clean out the troughs, which were dirty, so animals can drink during the day too, and he should give them water manually also by buckets through the access doors. He thought it was enough in the morning at Royal Haskovo and then again later at Petline, but we made it clear that during such hot temperatures in a parked vehicle in the border, the animals need water much more frequently. He helped clean out troughs and accepted our critique. He said it is a pain to water animals inside the border because there is only one hose and the water pressure is really slow.

TRUCK 12

Date:	22.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	no info
Time/place of first sight:	14:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	19:05 in NML
Departure time from border:	at 20:00 still parked in NML
Company name:	Interexpres (Romanian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	grey, (RO) B32KVG
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	silver with blue trim, (RO) CJ 83 GDF
Animals:	charolais fattening bulls
Water system:	turned on at moment of inspection
Ventilation:	turned on at moment of inspection
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	too full especially considering temperature and long

Temperature:	border waits circa 32°C
Dividers:	in place, but not fully solid to ground
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	none, but only checked bottom level
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	drivers not present to give info
Resting place:	“”
Place of destination:	“”
Waiting time at border:	more than 6 hours
Comments:	<i>This Livestock truck seen again next day at 13:00 parked in full sun at Istanbul customs. Animals still on board.</i>



Livestock trucks parked in full sun at Istanbul customs on next day. Animals still on board.

TRUCK 13

Date:	23.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	we do not know
Time/place of first sight:	13:25 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	13:25 in NML
Departure from Petline:	was still at Petline parking lot at 16:00 today
Company name:	Hunland (Hungarian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	black, (H) LXB 112
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, (H) XZF 251
Animals:	young Jerseys
Water system:	turned off at moment of inspection
Ventilation:	turned off at moment of inspection
Temperature:	outdoors 37°C
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	ok
Dividers:	ok
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	none, only checked bottom floor
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	no info
Resting place:	“”
Place of destination:	“”
Waiting time at border:	“”

TRUCK 14

Date:	23.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	no info
Time/place of first sight:	13:35 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	13:35 in NML
Departure from border:	parked along main road past Petline still at 19:20, by 00:00 gone
Company name:	Hunland (Hungarian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	black, (H) MCR 238
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, (H) XZF 339
Animals:	young Jerseys
Water system:	turned off
Ventilation:	turned off
Temperature:	outdoors 37°C
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	ok
Dividers:	ok
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	none on first floor that we checked
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	no info
Resting place:	“”
Place of destination:	“”
Waiting time at border:	at least 6 hours

TRUCK 15

Date:	23.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	we do not know
Time/place of first sight:	13:45 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	13:45 in NML
Departure from border:	sometime between 19:30 and midnight
Company name:	Hunland (Hungarian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	black, (H) MSW 160
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, (H) XZF 343
Animals:	young Jerseys
Water system:	turned off, troughs dirty
Ventilation:	turned off
Temperature:	outdoors 35°C
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	too crowded for temperature
Dividers:	ok
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	one with broken horn (veterinarian diagnosis: looks like older injury, but possibly infected - see photo)
Origin of animals/ear tag:	France
Place of departure:	France
Resting place:	no info
Place of destination:	no info
Waiting time at border:	at least 6 hours



Crowded conditions



Bull with broken horn

TRUCK 16

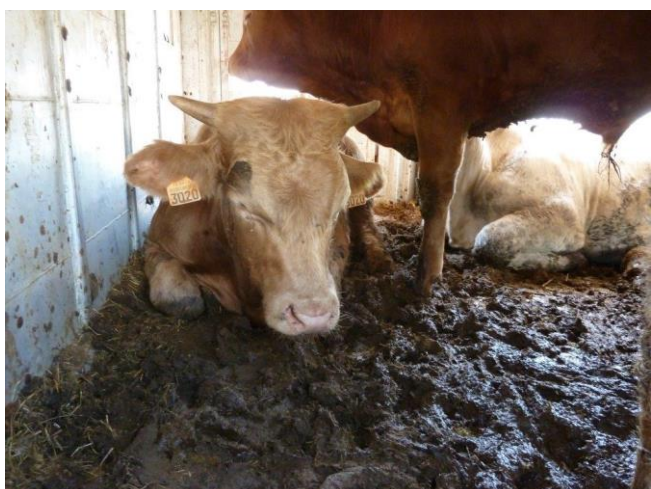
Date:	25.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	16:50 acc. to driver
Time/place of first sight:	17:45 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	17:45 in NML
Departure time from border:	no info
Company name:	Dobrota (Romanian)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	red, RO - SB 99 DOB
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	red/white, RO - SB 11 DOB
Animals:	young bulls
Number of animals:	58
Water system:	turned off
Ventilation:	turned off
Temperature:	between 24.6 – 36.4°C
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	crowded for the temperature
Dividers:	high risk of injury, not solid down to the floor
Bedding:	insufficient, very dirty bedding
Unfit or dead animals:	no
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	France
Resting place:	Redics (Hungary) and Royal Haskovo (BG) (24.-25.07.)
Place of destination:	Balikesir acc. to driver
Waiting time at border:	more than 24 hours

Comments:

- The truck is driving together (in convoy) with the second Dobrota truck (see below).
- On the 26.07. at 16:00 this truck with the animals on board is still inside the border waiting.
- Apparently, there is a gap in the disinfection chain. The animals were loaded in France and the first driver received the disinfection certificate there. The last driver took over the animals in Redic. There were three different trucks and the disinfection certificate of one truck is missing. The handover of the documents between the different drivers seems to have failed. Furthermore, one animal is missing according to the documents.



Filthy floor, almost no bedding left (25.07.)



No bedding left the next day (26.07)



Exhausted & heat-stressed bull (26.07.)



Divider with huge gap risking animals getting trapped.

TRUCK 17

Date:	25.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	16:00 acc. to driver
Time/place of first sight:	17:50 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	17:55 in NML
Departure time from border:	no info

Company name:	Dobrota (Romanian company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	white, RO - SB 90 DOB
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, RO - SB 60 DOB
Animals:	young bulls
Number of animals:	60
Water system:	turned off, but water left in the tank
Ventilation:	turned off
Temperature:	between 29.1 – 32.9°C
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	crowded
Dividers:	not to the floor, high risk of injury
Bedding:	dirty, not much left
Unfit or dead animals:	no
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French ear tags
Place of departure:	France
Resting place:	Redic (Hungary) and Royal Haskovo (24.-25.07.)
Place of destination:	Balikesir acc. to driver
Waiting time at border:	more than 24 hours
Comments:	

- Some bulls have nasal discharge, one is observed panting.
- The truck is driving together (in convoy) with the other Dobrota truck (see above).
- According to the driver, they will do the customs check in Istanbul Alkali and thus will have to wait again there, with the animals parked in the sun for hours.
- This truck drives out of NML at 18:50 on the 25.07 and unloads the animals at a small stable at the Petline gas station in Kapikule. This is not a control post- there is no shade and the premise is not often cleaned. Nevertheless at least these animals get out of the confined truck for a bit.



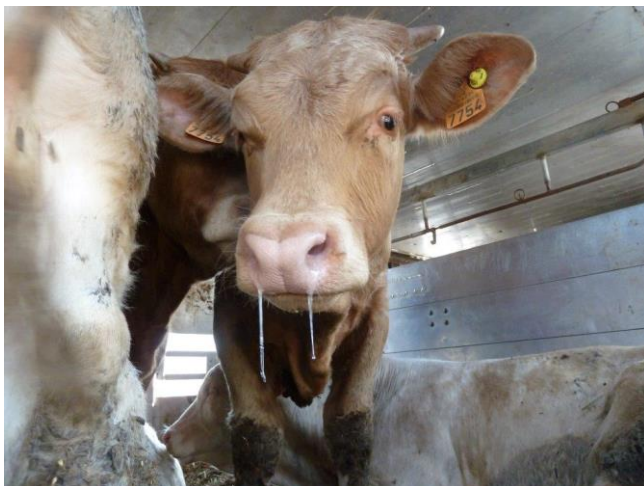
Filthy bedding (25.07.)



Crowded conditions



Bull panting (heat stress)



Bull with nasal discharge



Bulls unloaded at Petline – no shade (26.07.)

TRUCK 18

Date:	27.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	we do not know
Time/place of first sight:	12:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	12:00 in NML
Departure time from Petline:	drives to Petline at 17:30 and leaves at 19:30
Company name:	Amsyl (Polish company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	black/yellow, PL - WZ1529K
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, PL - TK6512K
Animals:	pregnant heifers
Number of animals:	31
Water system:	turned on
Ventilation:	turned on
Temperature:	circa 35°C
Number of decks loaded:	2
Bedding:	ok
Dividers:	not solid to the floor
Unfit or dead animals:	no
Origin of animals/ear tag:	France (FR 3936710703)
Place of departure:	France, 23.07.15, 12:00
Resting place:	Redic and Royal Haskovo
Place of destination:	Izmir
Waiting time at border:	at least 7.5 hours



Divider with huge gap underneath

TRUCK 19

Date:	27.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	00:00 at NML
Time/place of first sight:	12:10 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	12:10 in NML
Departure time from Kapikule:	in the evening (before 21:00)
Company name:	Krijan Trans
Cabin colour and licence plate:	red, SB 0021MK (Slovenia)
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, SB 0022MK (Slovenia)
Animals:	young bulls
Water system:	turned off; driver says he gave water with a bucket at 06:00
Ventilation:	turned off
Temperature:	35°C outdoors
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	ok
Loading density:	crowded
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	no
Origin of animals/ear tag:	French (FR 7123664485)
Place of departure:	France, Chechni, 24.07.15
Resting place:	Royal Haskovo (26 hours)
Place of destination:	we do not know
Waiting time at border:	around 19 hours



High loading density

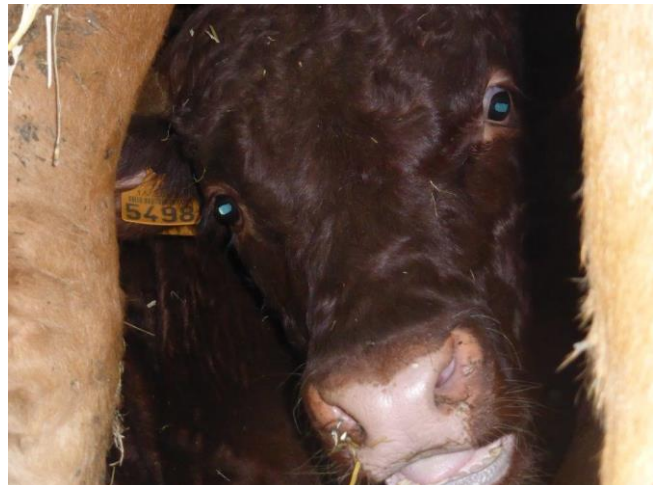
TRUCK 20

Date:	27.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	13:00 at NML
Time/place of first sight:	14:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection:	14:00 in NML
Departure time from border:	shortly before 21:00
Company name:	Amsyl (Polish company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	red/grey, PL - TKI LC 06
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, PL - TKI PC 47
Animals:	young bulls
Water system:	turned on
Ventilation:	turned on
Temperature:	35°C outdoors
Loading density:	crowded
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	no
Origin of animals/ear tag:	France (FR 6359575804)
Place of departure:	France, 23.07.15 at 05:00
Resting place:	Redics (HU) and Royal Haskovo (BG)
Place of destination:	near Ankara
Waiting time at border:	around 8 hours
Comments:	

- **Some bulls are observed panting, a clear sign they are suffering from heat stress.**



High loading density



Bull panting (heat stress)

TRUCK 21

Date: 27.07.2015
Arrival time at border: no info
Time/place of first sight: 14:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection: 14:00 in NML
Departure time from Petline: in the evening (before 21:00)
Company name: [Amsyl \(Polish company\)](#)
Cabin licence plate: PL - TKI 38827
Lorry/trailer licence plate: white/blue, PL - TKI 5PW6
Animals: adult cows
Number of animals: 31
Water system: turned on
Ventilation: turned on
Temperature: **35°C outdoors**
Number of decks loaded: 2
Bedding: ok
Unfit or dead animals: no
Origin of animals/ear tag: France (FR 4940833053)
Place of departure: France, 23.07.15 at 17:00
Resting place: Redic (HU) and Royal Haskovo (BG)
Place of destination: Izmir
Waiting time at border: **more than 5 hours**

TRUCK 22

Date: 27.07.2015
Arrival time at border: we do not know
Time/place of first sight: 14:00 in NML
Time/place of inspection: 14:00 in NML
Departure time from border: 19:00
Company name: [Amsyl \(Polish company\)](#)
Cabin colour and licence plate: greenish yellow/black, (PL) WZ0763K
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate: grey/red, (PL) TKI PK54
Animals: fattening bulls
Water system: on
Ventilation: on
Temperature: **circa 34°C**
Number of decks loaded: 2
Headspace: ok
Loading density: **crowded especially for this heat**
Bedding: ok
Dividers: **gap – risk of injury**
Unfit or dead animals: no
Origin of animals/ear tag: FR 38925100 (from France)
Place of departure: France
Resting place: acc. to driver in Redics (HU) and Royal Hoskovo (BG)
Place of destination: Lirsehir (900km away)
Waiting time at border: **at least 5 hours**



Divider not solid to the floor



Crowded conditions

TRUCK 23

Date:	27.07.2015
Arrival time at border:	we do not know how early it arrived
Time/place of first sight:	NML at 15:20
Time/place of inspection:	NML at 15:20
Departure time from Petline:	departed at 19:30
Company name:	Amsyl (Polish company)
Cabin colour and licence plate:	greenish yellow/black, (PL) WZ1043K
Lorry/trailer colour and licence plate:	grey, (PL) TKI PC 48
Animals:	pregnant heifers
Water system:	turned on at time of inspection
Ventilation:	turned on at time of inspection
Number of decks loaded:	2
Headspace:	limited but no touching
Loading density:	not higher than other trucks, but still too high for this temperature
Bedding:	ok
Unfit or dead animals:	no
Origin of animals/ear tag:	FR 2521224341 (France)
Place of departure:	France (acc. to driver 23.07.15 at 12:00)
Resting place:	acc. to driver Redich (HU) and Royal Hoskovo (BG)
Place of destination:	Izmir
Waiting time at border:	at least 4 hours



Crowded conditions

2. Trailing of Drost and Hinde trucks, exporter AgriWorld, Belgium.

Wednesday 22.07.2015

23:30 The two trucks of the companies Drost (NL-OK59 SB) and Hinde (IRL-07D88972) leave the border and we follow them in our car (for more infos on the trucks, see Truck 3 and 4 in check-lists above).

They both had arrived inside the Kapikule border (NML) at 11:00 this morning, so had to **wait more than 12 hours inside the border parked in the direct sun.**

Thursday 23.07.2015

02:20 In Istanbul, the trucks leave the highway and drive to the customs (Gümrük), which is located quite far away from the highway.

02:45 The trucks arrive at the customs and have to park outside the premises along the road. We speak to the drivers (only one per truck) and learn that this is the first time they come here and don't know how long the customs clearance will take, maybe the whole day.

08:15 The livestock trucks enter the customs area parking lot.

13:00 We enter the customs area. The Drost and Hinde trucks are **parked in full sun**, next to other trucks. On both trucks, the water system is turned on, but the drivers tell us that there is **only little water left and they have no possibility to refill the tank here.** They further say that their feed storage is now empty as they have given the rest of their feed this morning. The swanneck of both trucks is loaded with animals on two decks, so they had to carry the feed in the compartment below (six hay bales per truck). **The bedding, which was still adequate the day before, is now getting dirty. Some hungry bulls are observed eating the filthy bedding. We see another bull with a broken horn** on the Drost truck. The wound has stopped bleeding. The animals appear exhausted and many are lying down. However, because of the high loading density, it seems that there is not enough space for all the animals to lie down at the same time.



Trucks parked in the sun – no shade available



Crowded conditions (Drost)



Bull with broken horn (Drost)



Bull eating dirty bedding (Drost)



Bull licking metal bars of trailer (Hinde)



Little bedding left (Hinde)



Dirty water in trough (Hinde)

16:20 The Drost and Hinde trucks finally leave the customs in Istanbul, after **more than 13 hours waiting time for clearance**. By the time they continue their journey, the truck is clearly in **violation of the EC maximum journey time of 29 hours**.

They cross the Bosphorus Bridge connecting western Istanbul with eastern Istanbul at 17:30.

20:45 The drivers stop at a gas station and take a break of 45 minutes in order to comply with the rules on driving times. **The water tanks of both trucks are now empty**. The bulls look exhausted, **some are panting**. On the Dutch truck, we see a **second bull with a broken horn**, which is still bleeding a bit. On the Irish truck, there is now little bedding left, which is very filthy. Again, we

observe **hungry bulls eating their dirty bedding**. On the Dutch truck, there is more bedding left, which is however also filthy.



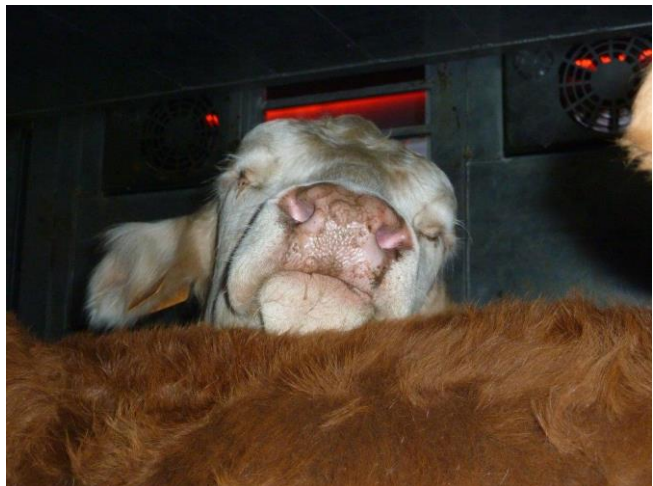
Bull panting, a sign of heat stress (Drost)



Second bull with broken horn (Drost)



Bedding now dirty (Drost)



Exhausted bull (Hinde)



High loading density (Hinde)



Little bedding left, which is very dirty and wet (Hinde)

22:00 The trucks pass by Bursa.

Friday 24.07.2015

00:10 The trucks drive by Balikesir.

00:45 The trucks arrive in Bigadic, where they wait at a PO gas station on D555. Shortly after, people from the farm arrive and the trucks follow them to the farm, which is located outside of Bigadic.

01:05 The trucks arrive at the fattening farm, which includes a small slaughterhouse.

01:50 The unloading of both trucks is finished. Considering that the bulls had been reloaded in Bujoreni control post (Romania) on the 21.07. at 23:30, these bulls had been **confined on vehicles for more than 48 hours by the time they arrive at the destination, with temperatures far above 30 degrees.**

Description of farm:

Many pens are empty at the moment. We are told that they currently have 500 animals, but have space for many more. The pens are made of concrete and consist in a covered area with feed troughs, an open area and a shelter. The young bulls have been taken to pens which have only partially been cleaned out. There are still thick layers of manure in the corners of the pens and inside the shelter from previous animals housed there. There is no straw bedding for the animals to lie down and rest. Water is available and the thirsty bulls lunge at it. Many start coughing after drinking too fast. When we arrive, the feed troughs are still empty, but there are some licking stones. The hungry bulls search the troughs for something to eat and some start licking the stones. About 10 minutes later, the workers start feeding them and the animals eat greedily.



Holding pens where young bulls have been taken to – shelter full of manure



Thirsty bulls drinking eagerly



Bulls searching the trough for feed



Thick layer of manure in the corners of the pens, no fresh bedding



Floor made of concrete



Hungry animals are finally fed (poor quality)

The bulls housed at this farm are divided in groups according to their age. They are all from the same breeder in France. The oldest animals are one year old and will soon be slaughtered. We are told that they are given concentrated feed and straw the whole day. The older animals are very fat and look overfed. The bulls are kept in pens with a concrete floor and covered with a corrugated iron roof. They are standing on a thick layer of excrements. There is no straw at all to provide a clean resting place. The bulls are forced to lie down in their manure and look very dirty. They obviously lack physical exercise and have a strong urge to move. Some are observed fighting, some mounting and others running around and jumping. There is a third section where they keep a few Turkish animals, males and females. The holding conditions are the same.



Pens where the older bulls are kept



Concrete floor covered in manure



No dry and clean resting place



Animals are very dirty



Feed troughs full of grain and straw



One-year-old bull, looking overfed