



OIE Regional seminar on animal welfare during long distance transport

(Chapter 7.3 of the OIE terrestrial Animal Health Code)

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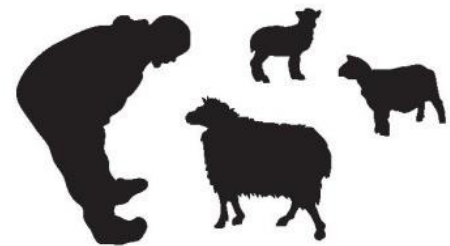
8. RESPONSIBILITIES and TRAINING OF DRIVERS

RESPONSIBILTIES

The welfare of animals during their journey is the joint responsibility of all people involved



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RESPONSIBILITIES

Transport companies, vehicle owners and drivers are responsible for:

- planning the journey to ensure the care of the animals (loading plan, journey duration, itinerary and location of resting places)
- loading only those animals which are fit to travel
- the welfare of the animals during the actual transport

RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Animal handlers** are responsible for the humane handling and care of the animals, especially during loading and unloading, and for maintaining a journey log.
- In the absence of a separate animal handler, **the driver is the animal handler.**

Training of driver's Areas of competence

- Understanding national and international legal requirements
- Understanding of all animal transporter responsibilities
- Planning the journey (including planning of journeys with feeding , watering and resting breaks, maximum permissible driving times)
- Contingency planning

Training of driver's Areas of competence

- Suitability of the vehicle and equipment
- Assessment of fitness to travel;
- Animal behaviour, general signs of disease, and indicators of poor animal welfare
- Handling animals in transit (including assembling, loading and unloading)
- Maintaining a journey log and post journey requirements

Training of driver's Practical training

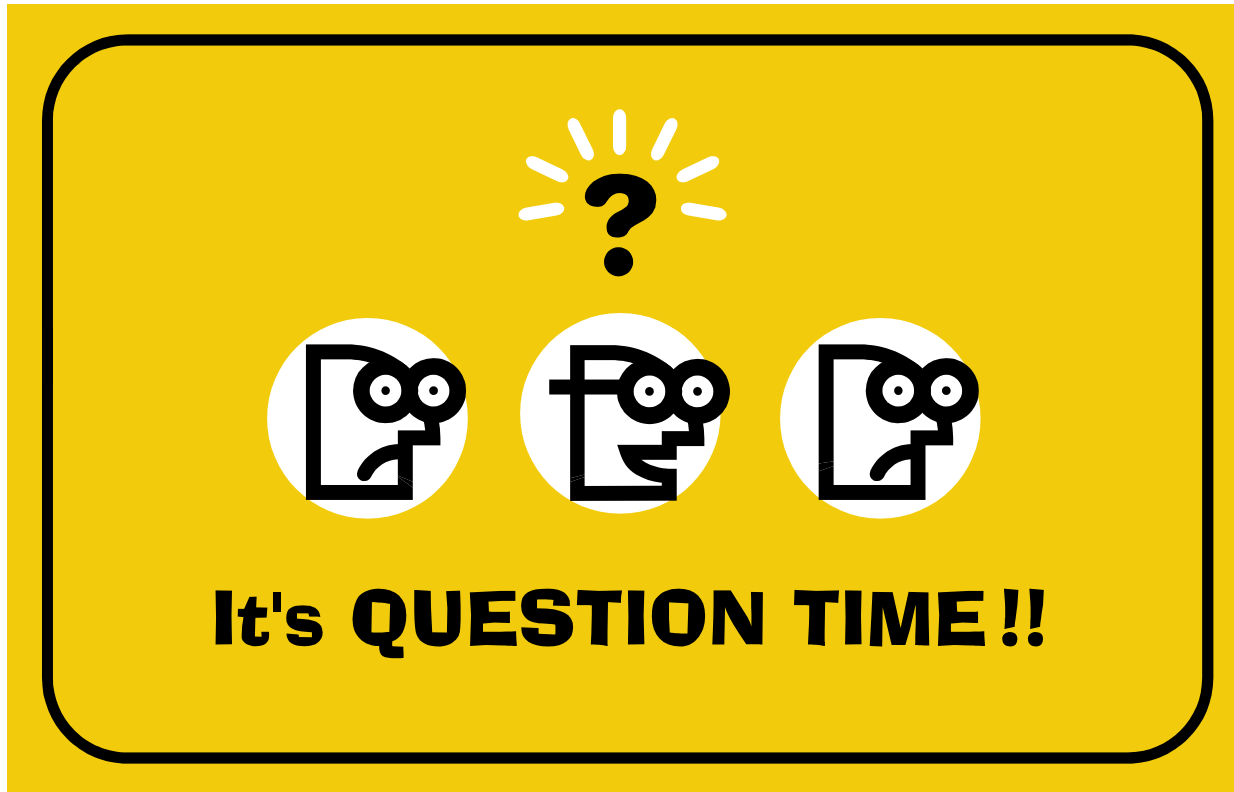
- low stress animal handling
- fitness to travel - assessment
- driving style

Careful driving and animal welfare



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sQ3Etj9K5I>

Working group exercise



TASK

Based on information already provided during training presentations please list the points you consider necessary to be addressed and assessed during training of drivers for each area of competence.

Thank you for your attention



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