Long distance transportation of animals in South America

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WHAT IS LONG (REGULATION).......TIME

For the OIE
Chapter 7.3. Transport of animals by land
Article 7.3.1. The amount of time animals spend on a journey should be kept to the minimum.

For the EU
COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1/2005
Protection of animals during transport and related operations
Article 2. Definitions. ‘long journey’ means a journey that exceeds 8 hours, starting from when the first animal of the consignment is moved.
WHAT IS LONG (REGULATION).......IN SOUTH AMERICA

For Bolivia
36 hrs.

For Chile
24 hrs...8hrs. rest

Other countries
In discussion
To be developed

Good practices
In South America travel distances vary between 300 km to 1500 km, sometimes not considering the travel by ferry.
Chile is a narrow country and stretches over 4,630 km from north to south along the south-west coast of South America.....that’s long....

The Agriculture and Livestock Service – SAG is the Competent Authority to enforce animal welfare in farm animal transportation (also in places where animals are kept and at the moment of killing) through the Law Nº 20.380 of protection of animals and in the case of the transport, through the Decree Nº 30 which approves the Regulation on the protection of the livestock during transport.
WHY IS LONG....... 

• The size and the geography of the countries;
• The wide range of agro ecological conditions (a limitation for production systems);
• Livestock production has a key participation in the South American economy;
• Customers’ requirements and cultural tradition.
WHY THIS IS LONG...
MAIN PROBLEMS

- Structural problems (roads, mainly those that give access to the farms and main roads not necessary in good bad conditions or have lack maintenance);
- No alternative routes;
- Precarious infrastructure for loading and unloading;
- Animal handling problems are also important; many animals are not handled properly, mainly during loading and unloading procedures. (Financial accountability)
THE RESULTS IN SOME LONG TRANSPORT......

- Economic losses
  - Meat quality
  - Kg. of meat
- Public concern
- Trade problems???
SOME WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM……..

- **Education and capacity building.** (Development of manuals and technical brochures for producers, transporters and abattoirs staff, www.bienestaranimal.cl (compulsory in some cases, Chilean Decree N° 30) Chile).

SOME WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM

• **Stakeholders involvement.** (Working group established by the Minister of Agriculture through Ordinance No. 575 of 2012 for the preparation of regulations animal transport by road. Work should be completed in June 2014. Brazil)

• **Regulatory development.** (Law N° 20.380, Decree N° 30, which approves Regulations on the protection of livestock during transport, which has been developed in line with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapters 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5. Chile)
SOME WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM……..

- **International cooperation.** (Bilateral agreements. EC –Chile (EFSA involvement, use of animal welfare risk analysis))
THIS IS BECOMING.... TO LONG............ALSO
FINAL REMARKS

Long distance transportation is a multifaceted problem in South America and the answers should be developed according to local and Regional realities;

- Capacity building activities (Technical and regulatory development)
- Dissemination of animal welfare information
- Development and support of research capabilities (OIE Collaborating Centre Chile – Mexico – Uruguay);
- Strategic alliances with stakeholders
- OIE Regional strategy
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