

BIOCHECK ANIMAL TRANSPORT

Part 1

Transport of live animals



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Glossary

Consignment:

A consignment of animals means a number of animals conveyed by the same means of transport.

Loading/unloading:

Loading means the procedure of moving animals onto a vehicle/vessel for transport purposes, while unloading means the procedure of moving animals off a vehicle/vessel.

Livestock market:

A place where animals are assembled for the purposes of trade, sale or gathering.

Transport:

A transport involves moving live animals from one location to another, regardless of the origin of the animals or destination to which they are being transported.

Washing:

Washing of the transport vehicle refers to the combined step in the cleaning process of rinsing and soaking the vehicle.

Cleaning:

Cleaning of the transport vehicle refers to the complete process of dry cleaning, rinsing, soaking and drying the vehicle.

*The checklist is primarily designed for **drivers** of vehicles transporting live animals. However, we welcome veterinarians, advisors and other animal health professionals to use the checklist as well. No personal information that could be linked to respondents' answers is collected.*

The checklist may be completed either partially (part 1) or in full (incl. part 2), depending on the information available. Completion of part 2 requires input from a person familiar with the cleaning and disinfection procedure. Providing only partial information will result in a limited assessment of the biosecurity level. When all required information is available and both parts of the checklist are fully completed, a comprehensive evaluation of the transport biosecurity level can be conducted.

~.Transport characteristics

I. What type of transport has been carried out by the driver over the last 14 days?

The different types of transport can apply to both international and national transport.

Check any that apply.

- ☐ Transport between livestock farms and slaughterhouses
- ☐ Transport between livestock farms (including hatcheries, breeder farms)
- ☐ Transport between livestock farms and livestock markets
- ☐ Transport between livestock farms and events (e.g., fairs)
- ☐ Transport between animal housing facilities and pasture

II. Which animal species have been transported over the last 14 days?

Check any that apply.

- ☐ Pigs
- ☐ Poultry
- ☐ Cattle
- ☐ Small ruminants
- ☐ Other

III. What type of animals have been transported over the last 14 days?

Check any that apply.

- ☐ Breeding stock
- ☐ Young animals for rearing
- ☐ Animals for slaughter
- ☐ Other

IV. What is the capacity (number of animals) of the transport vehicle that has been used over the last 14 days?

If multiple vehicles were used, provide the capacity of the vehicle used last.

V. What is the average distance (km) per consignment travelled over the last 14 days?

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VI. How many transports are, on average, done in one day over the last 14 days?

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VII. How many years of experience does the driver have in transporting living animals?

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A. Vehicle properties

This section refers to the vehicle(s) used in the past 14 days. If multiple vehicles were used, choose the one used most recently. All information provided should pertain to the same vehicle.

1. Is the **exterior** of the vehicle made of inert material? (required)

The exterior of the vehicle is the outer surface of a vehicle, including all components that are exposed to the external environment, such as the underside of the trailer or the outside of the cabin. Inert materials are materials made of e.g., metal, plastic, fiberglass.

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Partially
- ☐ No

2. Is the **interior** of the vehicle made of inert material? (required)

The interior of the vehicle is the enclosed space within the vehicle that is specifically designed to transport animals, including all surfaces that come into contact with the animals. The cabin is not included. Inert materials are materials made of e.g., metal, plastic, fiberglass.

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Partially
- ☐ No

3. Does the vehicle contain any animal handling tools? (required)

Animal handling tools are materials or objects designed to come into contact with animals, such as crates, driving boards, or paddles.

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If "No" is chosen, go to question 5.

4. Are all animal handling tools made of inert material? *(required)*

Inert materials are materials made of e.g., metal, plastic, fiberglass.

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Partially
- ☐ No

5. Is bedding material used in the vehicle? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Never

If "Never" is chosen, go to question 7.

6. How often is the bedding material removed after unloading the animals? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ After every consignment
- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Less than monthly

B. Driver characteristics

7. Has the driver completed a dedicated biosecurity training on transporting live animals within the past 5 years? (required)

Biosecurity training on transporting live animals is not equivalent to an authorisation or certificate of competence for transporting animal. In some countries, a transport permit is mandatory for transporting animals. Please be aware that these checklists are used around the world.

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8. Did the driver help with loading and/or unloading the animals in the last 14 days? (required)

In this context, helping with the loading and/or unloading of animals refers to the driver physically exiting the vehicle's cabin and coming into direct contact with the transported animals.

Select one option.

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Never

If "Never" is chosen, go to question 18.

9. When helping with loading and/or unloading the animals, does the driver enter the clean area of the farm? (required)

The clean area is the area of the production site with restricted access, i.e., where only animals from the farm, persons after they have applied the hygienic measures in the hygiene lock, and farm-specific materials and vehicles are allowed. The dirty area comprises all other parts of the farm to which visitors, external vehicles, ... have access. If the clean area is not clearly indicated or explained by the farmer, and the driver cannot determine the area, please select answer option "I don't know".

Select one option.

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Never
- ☐ I don't know

10. When helping with loading and/or unloading the animals, how often does the driver perform the following actions? *(required)*

	Always	Sometimes	Never
Coming into direct contact with the animals not being loaded for transport	☐	☐	☐
Washing hands before loading /unloading	☐	☐	☐
Washing hands after loading /unloading	☐	☐	☐

11. When helping with loading and/or unloading the animals, what type of clothing does the driver wear? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ Farm-specific clothing (not disposable)
- ☐ Disposable clothing
- ☐ Driver's own clothing

If "Farm-specific clothing (not disposable)" or "Disposable clothing" is chosen, go to question 14.

12. How often does the driver clean the clothing they wear during the loading and/or unloading of animals? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ After every consignment
- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Less than weekly

13. Does the driver change clothing between the cabin and loading/unloading? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Never

14. When helping with loading and/or unloading the animals, what type of footwear does the driver wear? *(required)*

Select one option.

- Farm-specific footwear (not disposable)
- Disposable footwear (e.g., foot covers)
- Driver's own footwear

If "Farm-specific footwear (not disposable)" or "Disposable footwear (e.g., foot covers)" is chosen, go to question 18.

15. How often does the driver clean the footwear worn during loading and/or unloading of the animals? *(required)*

Select one option.

- After every consignment
- Daily
- Weekly
- Less than weekly

16. How often does the driver disinfect the footwear worn during loading and/or unloading of the animals? *(required)*

Select one option.

- After every consignment
- Daily
- Weekly
- Less than weekly

17. Does the driver change footwear between the cabin and loading/unloading? *(required)*

Select one option.

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

C. Itineraries of the transport

18. Is any documentation required to accompany the consignment?
(required)

In some countries, it is mandatory that a consignment of animals is accompanied by documentation on e.g., the origin of the animals or the number of animals. Please be aware that these checklists are used around the world.

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If "No" is chosen, go to question 20.

19. Does the driver have/can access the documentation of the consignments of the last 14 days? (required)

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

20. In the past 14 days, have animals from multiple locations been transported together in the same vehicle? (required)

Different sites owned by the same farmer/integration are considered separate locations in this question.

Select one option.

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Never

If "Never" is chosen, go to question 22.

21. When transporting animals from multiple locations together in the same vehicle, how is the order of the visited locations determined? (required)

The order of the visited locations does not have to be determined by the driver themselves. This can also be done by e.g., the transporting company.

Select one option.

- ☐ Convenience (e.g., the shortest distance to collect all the animals)
- ☐ Health status of the visited locations
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

22. How many distinct locations has the transport vehicle visited in the past 14 days? (required)

Distinct locations refer to each distinct place the transport vehicle has visited in the past 14 days. Count each location only once, even if it was visited multiple times.

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23. Did the loaded transport vehicle stop at a place(s) where other loaded transport vehicles were present at the same time over the past 14 days? (required)

These places may be control points, resting facilities, parking lots, ...

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

24. In the past 14 days, was any transport interrupted at a location where animals could be unloaded? (required)

These places may be control points, resting facilities, ...

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If "No" is chosen, go to question 26.

25. Were the animals unloaded at this point? *(required)*

These places may be control points, resting facilities, ...

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

26. Where was the trailer of the vehicle stationed in the past 14 days when not in use? *(required)*

The trailer is the section of the vehicle that houses the animals.

Select one option.

- ☐ In the vicinity of farmed animals, slaughterhouses, or rendering plants (< 100 m)
- ☐ At a distance (> 100 m) from farmed animals, slaughterhouses, or rendering plants
- ☐ I don't know

D. The responsible person for cleaning and disinfection

27. Has the vehicle been cleaned over the last 14 days? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

28. Has the vehicle been disinfected over the last 14 days? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If "No" is chosen in **both** questions 27 **and** 28, the checklist is finalised.

29. Has the person responsible for cleaning and/or disinfecting the vehicle completed training on cleaning and disinfection for vehicles transporting live animals within the past 5 years? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

30. Did the driver clean and/or disinfect the vehicle in the last 14 days? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If "No" is chosen, the checklist is finalised.

31. When cleaning and/or disinfecting the vehicle, what type of clothing is worn? *(required)*

Select one option.

- ☐ Same clothing as for loading and/or unloading animals
- ☐ Dedicated clothing specifically for cleaning and/or disinfection
- ☐ Same clothing as used for driving the transport vehicle

If "Same clothing as used for driving the transport vehicle" is chosen, go to question 33.

32. Does the driver wear this clothing while inside the cabin?
(required)

Select one option.

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

33. When cleaning and/or disinfecting the vehicle, what type of footwear is worn? (required)

Select one option.

- Same footwear as for loading and/or unloading animals
- Dedicated footwear specifically for cleaning and/or disinfection
- Same footwear as used for driving the transport vehicle

If "Same footwear as used for driving the transport vehicle" is chosen, the checklist is finalised.

34. Does the driver wear this footwear while inside the cabin?
(required)

Select one option.

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

If the driver does not perform the cleaning and/or disinfection themselves, is not familiar with the procedure, or if the responsible person cannot be contacted, the checklist ends at this point. A partial report will be generated based on the information provided so far. Please note that a partial report does not allow for a full assessment of the biosecurity level associated with this transport.

To obtain a complete assessment, it is necessary to collect responses to the questions in part 2.