The legal requirements concerning transport of slaughter animals in Poland

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Abstract

Conditions of trading and handling of animals during transportation are regulated by numerous norms which cover the humanitarian, sanitary, veterinary as well as technical and construction requirements to transportation means. Veterinary services play a particular role in trade of slaughter animals due to their controlling authority. They execute sanitary supervision over animal trading according to the regulations. Polish legislation related to the transport of animals is adjusted to the European Union standards.

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Slaughter animals have been transported for ages under varying conditions. They were frequently maltreated and thus their rights were violated. In order to prevent such non-humane acts, legal regulations establishing the procedure of animals handling and transportation conditions were introduced. Conditions of trading and handling during transportation are regulated by norms which cover the humanitarian, sanitary and veterinary aspects of animal transportation as well as technical and construction requirements to transportation means. Veterinary services play a particular role in trade of slaughter animals. Their roles include sanitary supervision over animal trading.

Harmonisation of the EU veterinary legal regulations began with the development of regulations establishing the common requirements and directives towards. Principles of diseases control. A prerequisite for the expansion of the common internal market in trade of animals between particular countries is not only adopting the law, but also creating an administrative authority with a proper structure and skills to execute state responsibility and control over trade of animals. One of the important features of the EU regulations in the veterinary field is the recognition of competencies of veterinary services of the Member States. The Community veterinary services carry out inspections according to similar methods and standards. Thorough veterinary controls are carried out at the site of animal dispatch. The fundamental factor of the veterinary guarantee is the confidence in an inspection carried out at the place of origin. These controls at the origin site are to ensure that animal breeders meet the legal requirements throughout the production phases (Official Journal No L165 2004).

Thanks to this, it was possible to eliminate veterinary inspection for the purpose of animal trading between the Member States. Customs border checks between the Member States were abolished. The veter