



Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products – Sheep & goat

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Objective

- Trade with small ruminants and their products should follow international standards.

Main issues for EU exports:

- **TSE (Scrapie)**
- **Bluetongue**

OIE standards exist.

Main trade partners

	Live animals			Meat		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Intra EU	198,232,586	187,934,529	191,446,378	1,120,644,574	1,108,224,360	1,152,171,439
Extra EU	141,863,473	180,890,226	204,944,656	75,507,198	101,788,015	102,412,672
Turkey	18,613,091	3,827,248	695,291	218,097	190,840	230,391
Libya	77,441,009	131,413,475	146,506,164	458,867	313,496	966,561
Jordan	28,494,962	31,435,777	38,240,416	264,342	2,561,828	2,305,162
Lebanon	6,514,088	8,394,392	10,744,757	54,305	55,335	8,469
Algeria			28,800	938,059	6,190,086	9,256,375
H. Kong				18,315,738	34,385,100	30,395,080
UAE	461,100	198,045	1,517,380	1,060,552	937,449	6,314,719

Observations

- Trade in live animals is dominant;
- Dramatic decline in exports to Turkey;
- Relatively minor trade with GCC countries;
Only UAE is a sizeable market;
- No trade with Indonesia;
very little with China 96.000 Euros in 2014;
- No significant trade with Eastern Europe;
- Several destinations in Africa seem to become more attractive (Ghana, Guinea, Congo) but are still minor markets.

Current activities

USA

- Push for adoption of generic TSE rule for small ruminants, implementing the OIE standard;

Japan

- Pending applications from FR and UK for approval of sheep meat (work is progressing);

China

- BSE ban lifted for NL, IRL, HU, RO. Small ruminants?

Turkey

- Bluetongue, restrictions on import licences and high customs fees. Discussed in Customs Union meetings.

What DG TRADE can do

- Comments on SPS notifications on draft legislation of third countries;
- Demarches, Letters, ad-hoc missions;
- Technical or political discussions, informally or within a bilateral agreement, SPS WG mechanisms, other regular meeting or Committees;
- Negotiations;
- Multilateral: WTO SPS Committee;
- Bilateral discussions during WTO SPS week in Geneva;
- Dispute settlement (Panel).

What can industry do?

- Inform about trade barriers;
- Contribute commenting on new draft legislation in third countries;
- Participation in Market Access activities of the Commission : SPS Market Access WG for sharing the information between Commission, Member States and industry;
- Inform when problems solved.