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ETT's instructions regarding the export of animals from Finland

1. Collection using Finnish animal transportation equipment, loading at the collection location into a foreign animal transportation vehicle = ETT's recommendation

- Animals are collected from farms using Finnish animal transportation equipment.
- The transportation vehicle must be well cleaned and disinfected.
- The driver loads the animals via a loading space or, alternatively, the owner brings the animals out. If possible, the driver does not personally enter the animal shelter.
- The animals are transported to the collection location, where they are loaded onto the foreign transportation vehicle, which transports them over the international border. When at the collection location, Finnish drivers should not enter foreign vehicles, nor should foreign drivers enter Finnish vehicles. After loading, the collection location is cleaned of manure, litter and other visible dirt. If necessary, it is washed, disinfected or whitewashed (hall, yard area).
- The Finnish transportation vehicle is cleaned and disinfected carefully before being taken to the next farm.
- The driver maintains the required standard of good personal hygiene in all work-related activities (protective clothing and footwear required by each farm, hand washing, etc.).

2. Exporting animals using Finnish animal transportation equipment

- Vehicles that have been driven abroad must be washed and disinfected at the earliest opportunity after returning to Finland. This is a precautionary measure that should be taken even if the vehicle was cleaned abroad. All manure, litter and other visible dirt must be removed and disposed of appropriately and the vehicle must be allowed to dry after being washed in order for the disinfection agent to be effective. The legroom in the driver's cabin is washed, as are the storage spaces for protective clothing and footwear. If necessary, these areas can be sprayed with a suitable disinfection agent.
- When Finnish vehicles are used for exports they must be left to stand empty for at least 48 hours after being washed and disinfected before they can be used to transport Finnish animals again.
- When Finnish drivers return from foreign countries, they should go for a sauna/shower and wash their clothes and footwear. There must be different sets of protective equipment that are used in Finland and abroad.
- People who have come into contact with foreign animals or visited foreign farms should not be in contact with Finnish food-producing animals for 48 hours. If there has been touching contact with hoofed animals in an area in which foot-and-mouth disease has been detected, the aforementioned precautionary period should be five days.

Note: foreign animal transportation vehicles and drivers are not permitted to enter Finnish farms