

Commission proposal for a Regulation on the protection of animals during transport **with a focus on poultry**



Our objectives

General objectives:

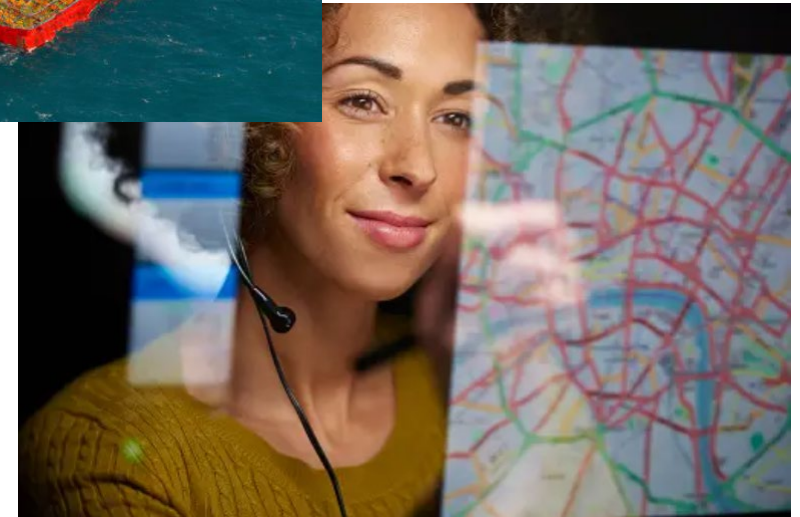
- Sustainable agricultural and food production;
- Latest scientific and technological advances;
- Simple and clear rules – easy to enforce;
- Higher level of protection of animals;
- High societal demands;
- Smooth functioning of the internal market.

Specific objectives:

- Limited journey times;
- Increased space allowance;
- Improved transport of vulnerable animals;
- Better protection from extreme temperatures;
- Wider digitalisation and improved traceability;
- Stricter requirements for export;
- Strengthens official controls.

Digitalisation and traceability

- Journey log fully digitalised
- All documents will be digital and in TRACES to
- Mobile application will be created to facilitate administrative tasks on route
- Positioning of means of transport



Journey times for domestic birds



Maximum journey times up to 12 h incl. loading and unloading

24 h for chicks if completed 48 h after hatching

10 h for end of lay hens incl. loading and unloading

Increased space allowance

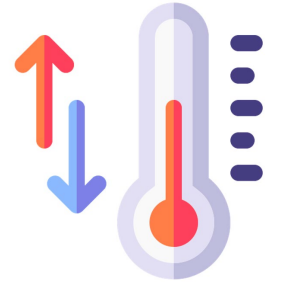
- Uniform for all means of transport
- Calculated using allometric equation

$$A = kW^{(2/3)}$$

A=area per animal [m² or cm² for transport of birds and rabbits in containers], W=live weight [kg], k= “k-value”

- **Species-specific (k-value for poultry is 290);**

Transport in extreme temperatures



< 10°C: **Protection from windchill (*based on weather forecast*)**

< 15°C: **End of lay hens shall not be transported (*if t° in the vehicle is lower*)**

Transport practices

- **Handling:** *birds shall be caught, lifted and carried by two legs, using breast slides in cages or operator's leg as support for bird's breast. A maximum 3 birds per hand may be carried.*
- **Height of containers:** *shall allow the comb or head to not touch the ceiling when birds sit with their head and neck in a natural posture or when they change position.*

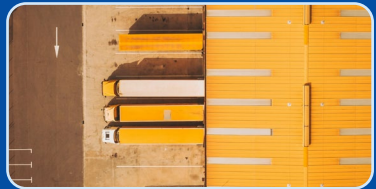
Export and import



Export to third countries:

EU rules must be respected until the place of destination in the third country.

- Organisers to be authorised for transports to TC
- Checks in TC to be performed by certification bodies;
- Control posts in TC to be approved;



Import from third countries:

EU rules or equivalent must be respected until the place of destination in the EU.



Transit through the EU:

EU rules apply except provisions on journey times

More harmonised approach on sanctions

A new approach

- Better defined aggravating circumstances
- List of 'Serious infringements'
- Administrative financial penalty expressed according to the value of the consignment
- List of 'Other measures'

Procedural provisions

- Commission shall publish a monitoring report:
 - after 5 years, based on TRACES data and MS info
- Amendment of Annexes
 - Delegated acts to update technical rules in Annex I, Chapter I, II, V and VII and Annex II
 - Implementing acts to update template (i.e. journey logs in Annex III and attestations in Annex IV)
 - 5 years period and Committee Procedure



Other provisions



- Stricter national measures at departure are allowed only on the territory of the MS concerned or for direct export
- Mobile application developed by the Commission (5 years after adoption)
- Reporting and evaluation of this Regulation (10 years after adoption)
- Derogation for MS with outermost regions (under certain conditions)

Transitional and final provisions

- Entry into force – it shall apply 2 years from the date of entry into force
- 3 years transition for:
 - sanctions: serious infringements and other not related to poultry;
- 5 years transition for:
 - Means of transport by road equipped with position system
 - Data protection
 - Journey times requirements
 - Import and export requirements
 - Space allowances



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- Open for 8 weeks after the publication of all official language versions on 15 February 2024.

Thank you for your attention!