



# State of play of the Regulation on transmissible animal diseases ("Animal Health Law")

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# EU Animal Health Law

- Regulation (EP and Council): on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ("Animal Health Law")
- The **main instrument to implement** the Animal Health Strategy (2007-2013) "**Prevention is better than cure**"
- **A single, robust legal framework** for animal health
  - **Simplify existing rules:**
    - Numerically (from ca. 40 Directives and Regulations)\*
    - In substance
  - **Align with Lisbon Treaty**

\***Trade directives** (e.g. Dir 64/432/EEC, 91/68/EEC, 92/65/EEC, 2009/156/EC and 2009/158/EC), **I&R of animals** (e.g. Reg (EU) No. 1760/2000, 21/2004, Dir 2008/71/EC); **Import into the EU** (e.g. Dir 2004/68/EC), **Disease control** (e.g. Dir 2003/85/EC, 2001/98/EC, 2005/94/EC, etc...)

# What is Animal Health Law about?

- Principles and rules for **transmissible animal diseases** in:
  - Kept and wild animals and their products (incl. poultry and other birds)
  - Terrestrial, aquatic and other animals (eg. reptiles)
- Animal health rules for:
  - **Disease prevention**
  - **Disease control and eradication**
  - **Intra-EU movements and entry into the EU of animals and animal products**
  - **Emergency measures**
- Supplementing rules needed to ensure complete implementation
  - **Detailed provisions in delegated and implementing acts**



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# Important new elements

- **Responsibilities** of keepers, operators, veterinarians, competent authorities, etc.
- More **risk based approach** incl. prioritisation & categorisation of diseases for EU intervention
- More **prevention** (biosecurity, surveillance, improved knowledge on animal health, use of vaccines, emerging diseases, AMR)
- Easy and safe **trade**:
  - **Enhanced convergence with international standards on animal health (OIE)**
  - **Compartmentalisation**
  - **Requirements for export**
  - **Added flexibility for animal movements**
- Improved response to **emerging diseases**

# Some specific points relevant for poultry and hatching eggs





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# Farm (establishments) registration and approval

- **General registration obligation** for establishments (poultry, captive birds, hatching eggs)
- **Registration as a basic not complicated procedure**
  - notification of activity and location to the Competent Authority
  - no visit for "approval" needed
- **Exemptions provided for:**
  - Competent Authorities of Member States to decide
  - Commission to give a harmonised framework in implementing act
- **All exemptions to adjust to size of farms (e.g. small farms), type of activity and involved risks**
- **Approval required for poultry farms and hatcheries**
  - When poultry and hatching eggs intended to other MSs



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# Identification & Registration (I&R) and traceability

- **System for I&R** of animals and hatching eggs envisaged
- **Traceability** of poultry meat not regulated
- **I&R requirements laid down for:**
  - certain animal species only (existing provisions, e.g. bovine, sheep and goats, etc.)
  - others (incl. poultry ) only basic requirements apply, unless regulated later
- **No changes envisaged for I&R** of poultry or traceability of hatching eggs
- **If any, then possible changes:**
  - subject to consultation, assessment and
  - flexibility provided for

# Movement requirements

- ***No changes envisaged for:***
  - National movements
  - Movements between Member States
    - only possible further facilitations envisaged
  - Entry into the EU (e.g. import)



# AHL Timeline

- Proposal adopted by Commission in May 2013
- Political agreement reached on 1 June 2015
- Adoption by the European Parliament and the Council: early March 2016
- Official Journal publication: possibly in April 2016
- Delegated and implementing acts
  - **After final rule adopted and published in OJ**
  - **Transitional period (5 years)**
  - **Application: 2021 onwards**
  - **"key" delegated and implementing acts to be adopted 24 before the date of application**



# ***Thank you for your attention***



**To learn more about the Animal Health proposal:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/regulation/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/regulation/index_en.htm)