



EU Animal Health Law

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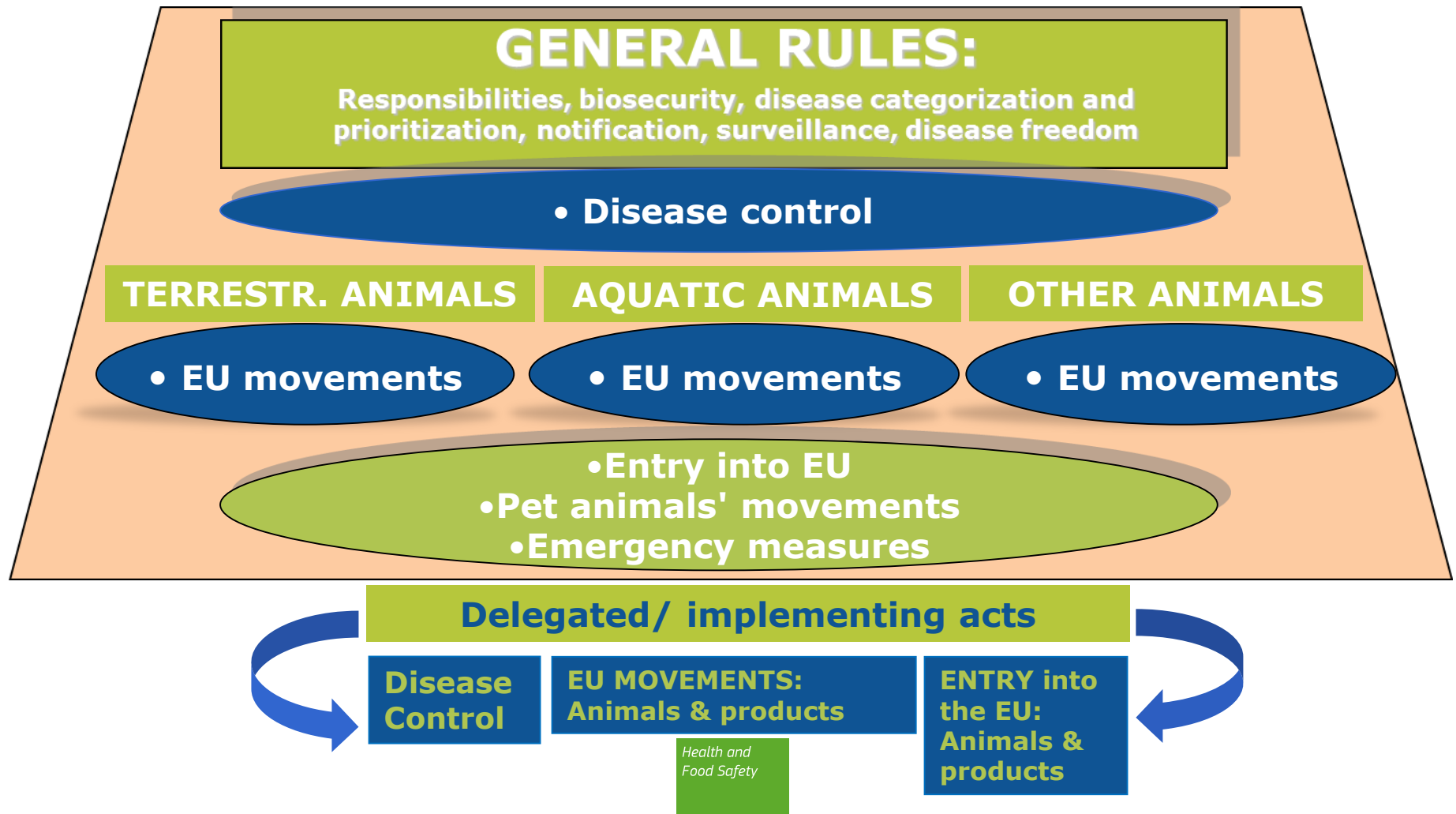
- *Regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases ("Animal Health Law")**
- ***A single, robust legal framework for animal health***
 - ***Simplifying existing rules:***
 - Numerically - from ca. 40 Directives and Regulations (Trade, I&R of animals, Import into the EU, Disease control)
 - In substance
- *Principles and rules for **transmissible animal diseases** in kept and wild **animals** (terrestrial, aquatic and other animals) **and their products***

*Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') ([Text with EEA relevance](#))



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Animal Health Law: outline structure



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 (e.g. compartmentalisation, flexibility)



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Responsibilities for animal health

- *Operators:*
 - **health of their animals, biosecurity, etc.**
 - **knowledge on animal health**
 - Animal diseases, biosecurity, interaction with animal welfare, good husbandry practices and antimicrobial resistance
 - **more preventive behaviour, better biosecurity**
 - Contribute to better overall husbandry
 - Result with healthier animals and possible lower use of veterinary medicines
- *Veterinarians to play a more active role in:*
 - **raising animal health awareness, awareness on interaction between animal health, animal welfare and human health and on resistance to treatments**
- *Competent Authorities to ensure resources, personnel, laboratories, etc.*





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Easy and safe trade

- *Enhanced convergence with international standards on animal health (OIE)*
- *Compartments*
 - **for more listed diseases (currently only avian influenza and diseases of aquatic animals)**
- *Requirements for export*
 - **similar to the "General Food Law"**
- *Added flexibility for animal (or product) movements*
 - **where involved health risks allow so**
 - **recognising and incentivise good practices (e.g. surveillance and biosecurity)**



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Study on a possible derogation from certain certification requirements for intra-EU trade in live animals

- *Animal Health Law (AHL), applicable as of 21 April 2021, provides for:*
 - the requirement for animal health certification for certain terrestrial animals (Art. 143) and
 - **the possibility to derogate from this requirement (Art. 144)**
- *Focus of the Study:*
 - **Movements of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry and horses for direct slaughter**
 - **Movements of day-old chicks**

Study on a possible derogation from certain certification requirements for intra-EU trade in live animals

- *Study to assist the Commission in the decision-making process*
- *Economic study - Not risk assessment*
- *9 month study: September 2016 – June 2017*
- *May be followed by Impact Assessment*



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EU Animal Health Law adoption

- *Regulation (EU) 2016/429: adopted by the European Parliament and the Council: 9 March 2016*
- *Official Journal publication: 31 March 2016*
- *Regulation in force: 21 April 2016*
- *It will apply as of: 21 April 2021 (in 5 years)*
- *Delegated and Implementing acts*
 - **"Key" DA and IA to be adopted within 24 months before the date of application of the Regulation**
 - **Other rules will be developed later (2019 onwards)**



More about the AHL and the process:
http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/regulation/index_en.htm



Thank you



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