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Animal Welfare Legislative Requirements

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BTSF Summary of the presentation

- **Main aspects of current legislation dealing with Animal Welfare during transport.**

  - **Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005** on the protection of animals during the transport and related operations.

    - Scope of Regulation 1/2005.
    - Classification of requirements by species.
    - Classification of requirements by distance/length of the journey.
    - The main requirements that must be observed during the transportation of animals.

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Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005 on the protection of animals during the transport and related operations.

This regulation covers the transport of **all live vertebrate** animals in connection with **a economic activity.**

- Mammals
- Birds
- Reptiles
- Amphibians
- Fish

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Animal Welfare during transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

Exclusions from the scope of the Regulation:

- Where the transport is **NOT in connection with an economic activity;**

- **The transport of non-vertebrate animals** such as insects, worms, crustaceans (e.g. crab, lobster), cephalopods (e.g. octopus, squid) and molluscs (e.g. shellfish, snails);

- **Movement of animals to or from veterinary practices** under veterinary advice.

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Animal Welfare during transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

Transport in connection with an economic activity includes journeys:

- The Regulation does not define what constitutes an “economic activity”.

- The preamble to the Regulation (paragraph 12) gives an indication of what this may include. **“Transport for commercial purposes includes, in particular, transport which directly or indirectly involves or aims at a financial gain”.**

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Examples of Transport types connected with an economic activity:

- Undertaken by commercial hauliers;
- Undertaken by farmers;
- Involving pet animals where the movements are related to an economic activity (e.g. dog racing, commercial pet breeders, etc.);
- Related to professional horse racing;
- Where animals are transported in order to be sold as part of a business;
- Related to zoos and leisure parks.
- Involving laboratory animals.

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BTSF Animal Welfare during transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

The Regulation applies to the different species as follows:

A. <u>General requirements and provisions</u> that apply to the movement of all species of vertebrates, including farm animals and other species, in connection with an economic activity **(Article 3 and Annex I)**:

- **Protection during transport.**
- **Means of transport and transport practices.**

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Animal Welfare during transport - General Requirements: Regulation (EC)1/2005

General requirements and provisions (continued):

- Space allowances.
- Duties of transporters.
- Fitness to travel.
- Feed, water and rest periods (but see specific requirements).
- Competent and/or trained handlers.
- Treatment of sick animals.

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Animal Welfare during transport - Specific Requirements: Regulation (EC)1/2005

B. Additional requirements for:

- Cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and poultry;
- Domestic equidae;
- Rabbits;
- Fur animals;
- Other mammals and birds.

These species must comply with specific as well as the general requirements.

EXCEPTION: **Registered domestic equidae** transported for competitions, races, cultural events or breeding.

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Animal Welfare during transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

Classification of the journeys by distance/time and their requirements:

1. Transporting animals up to 65km.

- Anyone transporting animals up to 65 km must comply with technical rules on fitness to travel, means of transport and transport practices. (Article 3 and Annex I);

- **Animal transport certificate**: Travel documentation;

- **Exception**: Farmers transporting their own animals, in their own vehicles less than 50 km, or as a result of seasonal transhumance, need **only to comply with the general conditions for the transport of animals set out in Articles 3 and 27.**

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Animal Welfare during transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

Classification of the journeys by distance/time and their requirements:

2. Transporting animals over 65 km and less than 8 hours.

They must comply with the same requirements as in point 1, i.e. transporting animals up to 65 km, plus:

- **Transporter authorisation**.

- Drivers and attendants responsible for the transport of **cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, unregistered equidae** and poultry must hold a valid **certificate of competence.**

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Animal Welfare during transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

Classification of the journeys by distance/time and their requirements:

3. Transporting animals over 8 hours.

They must comply with the same requirements as in point 2, i.e. transporting animals over 65 km but less than 8 hours, plus:

- Road vehicles used for the transport of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and domestic equidae **must be inspected and approved, i.e. vehicles authorisation.**

- The transport of the animals of the above species over eight hours must be accompanied by a **journey log.**

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Animal Welfare during transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

Summary of requirements for transporting animals

1. General conditions for the transport of animals;
2. Animal transport certificate;
3. Certificate of competence;
4. Transporter authorisation;
5. Means of transport authorisation;
6. Journey log.

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Summary of the requirements for transporting animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

1. General Conditions for the Transport of Animals (Article 3 and Annex I)

A. **General conditions** applicable to all species and operations.

B. **Additional requirements** for some species, means of transport and operations.

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Requirements for transporting animals: General Conditions: Regulation (EC)1/2005

“No person shall transport animals or cause animals to be transported in a way likely to cause injury or undue suffering to them”

In addition, the following conditions shall be complied with:

- All the arrangements have been made in advance **to minimise the length of the journey and to meet animal needs during the transport**
- All animals are **fit to travel.**
- **The means of transport** are designed, constructed, maintained and operated so as to avoid injury and suffering and ensure the safety of the animals

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Requirements for transporting animals: General Conditions: Regulation (EC)1/2005

- **The loading and unloading facilities** are adequately designed, constructed, maintained and operated so as to avoid injury and suffering and ensure the safety of the animals;
- **The personnel handling animals are trained** or competent as appropriate for this purpose and carry out their tasks without using violence or any method likely to cause unnecessary fear, injury or suffering;
- **The transport is carried out without delay** to the place of destination and the welfare conditions of the animals are regularly checked and appropriately maintained;
- **Water, feed and rest are offered** to the animals at suitable intervals and are appropriate in quality and quantity to their species and size.

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BTSF General Conditions for Transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

A) FITNESS TO TRAVEL (Annex I of Chapter I).

- No animal shall be transported **unless it is fit for the intended journey**.
- Animals must remain **sufficiently fit throughout the journey.**
- Animals that are injured or present physiological weaknesses or pathological processes shall not be considered fit to travel.

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BTSF General Conditions for Transport

➢ **Examples of unfitness to travel:**

- The animals are unable to move independently without pain or to walk unassisted.
- They present with severe open wounds or prolapse.
- Pregnant females where 90% of the expected pregnancy period has already passed or which have given birth in previous weeks.
- Newborn animals in which the navel has not completely healed.
- Pigs of less than 3 weeks, lambs of less than one week, calves of less than 10 days unless they are to be transported less than 100km.
- Dogs and cats of less than 8 weeks of age unless accompanied by their mother.

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BTSF General Conditions for Transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

➢ When animals **fall ill or are injured during transport**, they shall be **separated from others** and receive first aid treatment as soon as possible:

- Transporters need **to make regular checks on animals** at appropriate intervals during the journey;
- Animals **shall be given appropriate veterinary treatment**; and
- If necessary undergo **emergency killing** that does not cause them unnecessary suffering.

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BTSF General Conditions for Transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

B) MEANS OF TRANSPORT (Chapters II. IV and VI of annex I).

➢ The regulation requires that means of transport are designed, constructed, maintained and operated so as to avoid injury and suffering and ensure the safety of animals.

Thus means of transports must (not exhaustive):

- Have been cleaned and disinfected.
- Have anti-slip flooring.
- Provide sufficient means of lighting for inspection.
- Present sufficient space to animals to ensure adequate ventilation.
- Present the means to prevent the animals from escaping or falling.
- Protect animals from adverse weather conditions.
- Provide a minimum level of comfort for young animals.
- Provide access to the animals to be inspected or cared for.

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General Conditions for Transport: Regulation (EC)1/2005

C) WATER AND FEEDING, JOURNEY TIMES AND RESTING PERIODS (Chapter V of annex I):

- Cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and unregistered domestic equidae.

Journey times: must not be transported for more than **8 HOURS** unless **additional requirements for vehicles carrying out long journeys are met.**

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Additional conditions for transporting animals during long journeys: Regulation (EC)1/2005

C) WATER AND FEEDING, JOURNEY TIMES AND RESTING PERIODS: LONG JOURNEYS.

- **Cattle, sheep and goats**: after a maximum period of journey of **14 hours,** animals of these species must be given a rest period of at least **1 hour** that should be sufficient to offer them water and to feed them as necessary. After that, they can be transported for another further **14 hours.**

- **Pigs**: a maximum period of journey of **24 hours**. During the journeys they must have continuous access to water.

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BTSF Additional conditions for transport of live animals during long journeys: Regulation (EC)1/2005

C) WATER AND FEEDING, JOURNEY TIMES AND RESTING PERIODS: <u>LONG JOURNEYS.</u>

- **Unregistered horses**: maximum period of journey of **24 hours**. They must be given water and be fed every **8 hours** if necessary.

- **Unweaned calves, lambs, foals and piglets**: after a maximum travelling time of **9 hours** they must be at least **1 hr's rest** and be offered liquid and feed as necessary. Then they can continue for another **further 9 hours.**

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Additional conditions for transport of live animals during long journeys

C) WATER AND FEEDING, JOURNEY TIMES AND RESTING PERIODS: LONG JOURNEYS.

For the above species, if after the above journey times the animals have not reached destination, they **MUST be unloaded, fed and watered for a minimum period of 24 hours** at an approved **CONTROL POST**

List of all approved CONTROL POSTS:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/aw_list_of_approved_control_posts.pdf

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Additional conditions for transport of live animals during long journeys: Regulation (EC)1/2005

C) WATER AND FEEDING, JOURNEY TIMES AND RESTING PERIODS**:**

LONG JOURNEYS AND OTHER SPECIES

➢ **Poultry, domestic birds and domestic rabbits:** Suitable feed and water shall be available in adequate quantities, except in the case of a **journey lasting less than**:

- **12 hours** disregarding loading and unloading time; or
- **24 hours for chicks of all species**, provided that it is completed within 72 hours after hatching.

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

2. TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION (article 4):

No Person shall transport animals without carrying documentation in the means of transport stating:

- Origin and ownership of animals; place of departure and destination, date and time of departure and expected duration of journey.

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

2. TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION: No format for the document. Thus any document including the required information may be valid:

- **On journeys of less than 8 hours**: **Delivery note** or **animal movement license**.

- **On journeys over 8 hours** between Members States of the EU or between MS and third countries:

  - **JOURNEY LOG**

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

3. TRANSPORTER'S AUTHORISATION:

- **Type 1,** for journeys over **65 km and up to 8 hours**. This authorisation is granted pursuant to Article 10(1), i.e. general requirements.

- **Type 2,** for journeys **over eight hours**, which covers both long and short journeys. This authorisation is granted pursuant to Article 11(1),

A copy of the authorisation shall be made available to the competent authority when the animals are transported

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CHAPTER I

Transporter authorisation pursuant to Article 10(1)

1. TRANSPORTER AUTHORISATION No		
2. TRANSPORTER IDENTIFICATION 2.1. Company name		**TYPE 1** **NOT VALID** **FOR LONG JOURNEYS**
2.2. Address		
2.3. Town	2.4. Postal code	2.5. Member State
2.6. Telephone	2.7. Fax	2.8. Email
3. AUTHORISATION LIMITED TO CERTAIN		
Types of animals ☐	Modes of transport ☐	
Specify here:		
Expiry date.....		
4. AUTHORITY ISSUING THE AUTHORISATION 4.1. Name and address of the authority		
4.2. Telephone	4.3. Fax	4.4. Email
4.5. Date	4.6. Place	4.7. Official stamp
4.8. Name and signature of the official		

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CHAPTER II

Transporter authorisation pursuant to Article 11(1)

1. TRANSPORTER AUTHORISATION No		
2. TRANSPORTER IDENTIFICATION 2.1. Company name		**TYPE 2** **VALID FOR ALL JOURNEYS INCLUDING LONG JOURNEYS**
2.2. Address		
2.3. Town	2.4. Postal code	2.5. Member State
2.6. Telephone	2.7. Fax	2.8. Email
3. SCOPE OF THE AUTHORISATION limited to certain Types of animals ☐	Modes of transport ☐	
Specify here:		
Expiry date.....		
4. AUTHORITY ISSUING THE AUTHORISATION 4.1. Name and address of the authority		
4.2. Telephone	4.3. Fax	4.4. Email
4.5. Date	4.6. Place	4.7. Official stamp
4.8. Name and signature of the official		

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

4. MEANS OF TRANSPORT AUTHORISATION.

Vehicles involved in long journeys require approval:

- Vehicles carrying cattle, sheep, pigs, goats or domestic equidae on all journeys over **8 hours, i.e. long journeys.**
- Vehicles carrying all species of animals on **journeys over 12 hours**.
- Vehicles **carrying other species** on journeys over 8 hours but less than 12hrs if it is a condition of the destination / transiting MS.

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

4. MEANS OF TRANSPORT AUTHORISATION

The competent authority shall grant a **certificate of approval of the Means of Transport** after the vehicle has been inspected by the competent authority and found to comply with the requirements of **Chapters II and VI of Annex I.**

Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

4. MEANS OF TRANSPORT AUTHORISATION: VEHICLES APPROVAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

This certificate:

- Will bear **a unique number** issued by the member State.
- Will be drawn up in **English and language of MS that issues the certificate.**
- Will be valid for a **maximum period of 5 years.**

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CHAPTER IV

Certificate of approval of means of transport by road for long journeys pursuant to Article 18(2)

1. LICENCE NUMBER 1.2. Equipped with Navigation System: YES NO		
2. Types of animals allowed to be transported		
3. AREA IN M^2/DECK		
4. This authorisation is valid until		
5. BODY ISSUING THE CERTIFICATE 5.1. Name and address of the body issuing the certificate		
5.2. Telephone	5.3. Fax	5.4. Email
5.5. Date 5.8. Name and signature	5.6. Place	5.7. Stamp

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

5. CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE FOR DRIVERS

- Those, **drivers and attendants**, transporting **cattle, sheep, goats, pigs or poultry and domestic equidae over 65 km** in connection with an economic activity must be independently assessed for their competence and be in possession of a certificate of competence.

- **This requirement applies to both drivers and attendants.**

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

5. CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE FOR DRIVERS

➢ Certificate of competence is issued by the competent authority pursuant to **Article 17(2):**

- It should be granted in accordance with **Annex IV (training).**
- It should be drawn up in **a language of a MS** and in **English** when the driver and/or attendant is likely to operate in other MS's
- May be **limited to a number of species.**
- Certificates do not have a defined **period of validity**.
- Model in **Chapter III of Annex III.**

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CHAPTER III

Certificate of competence for drivers and attendants pursuant to Article 17(2)

1. DRIVER/ATTENDANT ([1]) IDENTIFICATION 1.1. Surname		
1.2. First names		
1.3. Date of birth	1.4. Place and country of birth	1.5. Nationality
2. CERTIFICATE NUMBER		
2.1. This authorisation is valid until		
3. BODY ISSUING THE CERTIFICATE 3.1. Name and address of the body issuing the certificate		
3.2. Telephone	3.3. Fax	3.4. Email
3.5. Date	3.6. Place	3.7. Stamp
3.8. Name and signature		

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

6. JOURNEY LOG.

- It must be completed for **cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, unregistered domestic equidae** on **journeys over eight hours** between EU Member States or between EU Member States and Third Countries;

- Must accompany the consignment during the journey

- Objective: ensure that these **journeys are properly planned** to ensure:

  - **maximum travelling times** are not exceeded, and
  - **any necessary rest stops** during the journey are carried out.

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

6. JOURNEY LOG COMPRISES 5 SECTIONS:

Section 1: **Planning**: Completed by the organiser before the journey starts

Section 2: Place of departure: Parts 1-7 completed by the keeper of the animals: Parts 8 - 11 completed by an inspector:

Section 3: **Place of destination**: Completed by the keeper at destination or by an Official Veterinarian if checks are carried out.

Section 4: **Declaration of transporter**: Completed during the journey to record the actual journey made rather than the journey planned.

Section 5: Anomaly report: Completed where non-compliances are found.

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Regulation (EC)1/2005

JOURNEY LOG

Section I

SECTION 1

PLANNING

1.1. ORGANISER Name and address (a) (b)		1.2. Name of the person in charge of the journey	
		1.3. Telephone/Fax	
2. TOTAL EXPECTED DURATION (hours/days)			
3.1. Place and country of DEPARTURE		4.1. Place and country of DESTINATION	
3.2. Date	3.3. Time	4.2. Date	4.3. Time
5.1. Species	5.2. Number of animals	5.3. Veterinary certificate(s) number(s)	
5.4. Estimated total weight of the consignment (in kg):		5.5. Total space provided for the consignment (in m^2):	

6. LIST OF SCHEDULED RESTING, TRANSFER OR EXIT POINTS

6.1. Name of the places where animals are to be rested, or transferred (including exit points)	6.2. Arrival		6.3. Length (in hours)	6.4. Transporter's name and authorisation No (if different from the organiser)
	Date	Time		

7. I, the organiser, hereby declare that I am responsible for the organisation of the abovementioned journey and I have made suitable arrangements to safeguard the welfare of the animals throughout the journey in accordance with the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005

8. Signature of the organiser

(a) Organiser: see definition in Article 2(q) of Council Regulation EC No 1/2005
(b) If the organiser is a transporter the authorisation number shall be specified.

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

6. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN ON THE JOURNEY LOG:

- ACTIONS BEFORE THE JOURNEY, e.g. Planning of the trip.
- ACTIONS DURING THE JOURNEY, e.g. Completion of section IV
- ACTIONS AFTER THE JOURNEY, e.g. sending documentation.

Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

Controls that are carried out on the journey log by veterinary officers:

- At the point of Origin.
- At BCPs or Points of Exit.
- At Control Posts.

OBJECTIVE: To verify that the requirements of Reg. (EC) 1/2005 are met and, if not, ensure appropriate actions are taken.

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Summary of the Requirements for Transporting Animals: Regulation (EC)1/2005

Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls establishes in Article 21(2):

Official controls to verify compliance with the rules laying down welfare requirements for animals in the event of their transport, in particular with Regulation (EC) No 1/2005.

- **Check the fitness of the animals for transport;**
- **Different aspects regarding the journey logs e.g.**
  - Journey is realistic.
  - Authorizations of the driver, transporter and means of transport.

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