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With a view to the Working Party on Animal and Veterinary Questions (Animal Welfare) on 11-12 September 2025, delegations will find in annex the Presidency texts on Chapter IV.

Changes with respect to the Commission proposal have been marked **with bold and underline** for new insertions and ~~strikethrough~~ for new deletions.

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CHAPTER IV
OBLIGATIONS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

Article 14

Obligations for organisers

1. **The o**rganisers~~ shall be responsible for ensuring that~~ **planning and coordinating** the entire journey ~~from the place of departure to the place of destination in the Union or in a third country~~ **so that it** complies with this Regulation.

2. ~~Organisers shall responsible for the planning of the journey from the place of departure until the place of destination. The organiser shall comply with the provisions relating to the journey log referred to in Article 15 and shall sign section 1 of the journey log in TRACES as set out in points 1 and 2 of Annex III.~~

3. The organisers~~ shall ensure that for each journey:

   a) **where the journey starts at the place of departure,** the **terrestrial** animals to be transported are accommodated at the place of departure for at least 1 week prior to departure**, or are born or hatched at the place of departure**;

   aa) [the journey time as referred to in Articles 26a to 30, including rest and break period, is complied with;]

   ab) where the journey starts at an assembly centre, no terrestrial animal that has been transported for more than the journey time referred to in Article 26a(0)(c)(i), Article 27a(b), Article 28(0)(b) or Article 29(0)(c)(i) as applicable, is loaded;

   b) ~~the different legs of the journey are coordinated, especially when performed by different operators, in a way that~~ the welfare of the animals is not compromised by insufficient coordination between different parts of the journey or different operators;

c) the organisation of the journey takes into account the **weather** ~~temperature~~ forecast **and, where relevant, the marine weather forecast** ~~when relevant for the species and categories of animals concerned~~ in accordance with Article 31 ~~and Chapter V of Annex I~~;

d) an individual is designated to provide information on the planning, execution, and completion of the journey to the competent authorities at the place of departure, assembly centres, control posts, **exit points** and ~~establishments~~ **the place** of destination at any time.

Article 15

*Journey log for ~~all~~ **any** long journey~~s~~ and **for** short journeys to third countries*

1. For **transport of terrestrial [and aquatic] animals on any** long journey~~s~~ ~~and~~ **or** short journey~~s~~ to **a** third countr**y**~~ies~~, **the** organiser~~s~~ shall complete **and sign** in TRACES section 1 of the journey log prior to the journey, as set out in point 1 of Annex III.

2. Where the journey log concerns a long journey **[within the Union]** or a short journey to a third country, the organiser shall submit in TRACES the journey log for approval by the competent authority at the place of departure at least 2 **working** days~~, but not earlier than 5 days~~, before the planned departure date. **[For long journeys to third countries, the organiser shall submit the journey log at least [10] working days before the planned departure date.]** The journey cannot start before the competent authority has approved the journey log in accordance with paragraph 4.

3. The journey log shall include confirmation of a reservation at a control post when **a control post is required in accordance with this Regulation**~~, according to journey planning, the journey time is likely to exceed 21 hours~~.

4. The competent authority shall approve the journey log in TRACES provided ~~the following conditions are met:(a)~~ the journey log **contains all the information required in section I of Annex III,** is realistic and indicates compliance with this Regulation**.** ~~;~~

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~~[~~(b) ~~the transporters indicated in the journey log have the corresponding valid transporter authorisations, the valid certificates of approval for means of transport and valid certificates of competence for drivers and attendants~~]~~;[1]

~~5. If the conditions provided for in paragraph 4 are not met, the competent authority shall require the organiser to change the arrangements for the intended journey so that it complies with this Regulation.~~

6. ~~Competent authorities~~**The Commission** shall ensure that journey logs ~~for long journeys and short journeys to third countries~~ are retained in TRACES for a ~~maximum~~ period of 6 years for subsequent official controls in accordance with Article 21 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, **except for personal data which shall be removed after 3 years in accordance with Article 51(4)**.

~~*Article 16*~~

~~*Journey log for short journeys within the Union*~~

~~1. For short journeys within the Union, organisers shall complete in TRACES the journey log as set out in point 2 of Annex III[2].~~

~~2. Journey logs for short journeys within the Union shall be retained in TRACES for a period 6 years for subsequent official controls in accordance with Article 21 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625.~~

[1] **Point (b) is proposed to be deleted, as it is already covered by point (a). Delegations are invited to indicate if they prefer however to maintain it.**

[2] **The template for the journey log for short journeys will be deleted.**

Article 16a

Transport documentation for short journeys within the Union

1. No organiser or transporter shall plan or carry out transport of animals on short journeys within the Union without providing a documentation in the means of transport stating:

(a) the origin and ownership of the animals;

(b) the place of departure;

(c) the date and time of departure;

(d) the intended place of destination;

(e) the expected duration of the intended journey.

(f) the name and authorisation number of the transporter;

2. The transporter shall make the documentation referred to in paragraph 1 available to the competent authority upon request.

Article 17

*Obligations for keepers, **attendants[3] and animal welfare officers** prior to the ~~journey~~ **departure***

1. Keepers ~~at the place of departure~~ shall be responsible for ensuring that the animals to be loaded on the means of transport are fit for transport **in accordance with Chapter I of Annex I.**

Keepers at the place of departure shall ensure that the animals have been provided with feed and water before departure, except in cases set out in point 1.6 of Chapter V of Annex I.

[For pregnant animals, the keeper at the place of departure shall indicate in the journey log the date of insemination or the presumptive date of natural service.**]**

3 **In the journey log in Annex III, all references to 'driver' shall be replaced by 'attendant'**.

1a. Keepers and staff in charge of catching and crating animals shall ensure that the animals are placed in the containers in accordance with points 3.6, 3.7 and [3.8] of Chapter III of Annex I[4].

2. **Keepers shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with point 3 of Chapter III of Annex I during the l**oading of animals on means of transport **and** shall ~~be~~ **ensure that the loading is** supervised by a veterinarian **or a person holding a certificate of competence in accordance with Article 38.**

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[4] **A new point 3.8 could be included in point 3.8 of Chapter III of Annex I regarding prudent handling of farmed lagomorphs, along these lines: When handled, farmed lagomorphs shall be lifted by the neck. Their body shall be supported with the other hand. (See footnote 2 of 14743/2/24 REV 2).**