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- Revised Presidency text for the Chapter IV

With a view to the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Animal Welfare) meeting on 4-5 November 2025, delegations will find in annex revised Presidency text on Chapter IV.

Changes to the Commission text compared to the previous document (11902/25 INIT) are marked as follows:

- new insertions: **bold and underline**
- new deletions: ~~striketrough~~
- insertions already introduced in the previous document: **bold without underlining**
- deletions already introduced in the previous document: [...].

CHAPTER IV

OBLIGATIONS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

Article 14

Obligations for organisers¹

1. **The organisers shall be responsible for [...] planning and coordinating the entire journey [...] so that it complies with this Regulation.**
2. [...]
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:**
 - i) born or hatched at the place of departure, or**
 - ii) accommodated at the place of departure for at least ~~1-week~~ four days prior to departure, or, in the case of breeding animals of the equine species, or of dogs and cats, at least 48 hours prior to departure ~~or are born or hatched at the place of departure~~²;**
 - aa) **the journey for terrestrial animals is planned so that the journey time as referred to in Articles 26a to 30, including rest and break periods, is complied with. In case the journey starts at an assembly centre where animals are grouped or distributed, the journey time by land of the preceding journeys to the assembly centre for the animals loaded on the means of transport shall be taken into account;**

¹ **New Article 4a to be added: No transport of animals shall be carried out without a natural or legal person acting as an organiser and a natural or legal person acting as a transporter. In case the transport includes a leg of the journey by livestock vessel, there shall be a single organiser who shall be responsible for planning and coordinating the legs of the journey by road or rail and the leg of the journey by sea.**

² **The definition of 'place of departure' will need to be reworded accordingly.**

- ~~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 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** [...] forecast **and, where relevant, in case the transport includes a leg at sea, the marine weather forecast** [...] in accordance with Article 31 [...];
- 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 14a

Transport documentation

- 1. No organiser shall plan transport of animals without providing documentation stating:**
- (a) the origin, species, category and ownership of the animals;**
- (b) the place and the type of establishment where the animals are loaded;**
- (c) the date and time of departure;**
- (d) the place and type of establishment where the animals are intended to be unloaded;**
- (e) the expected duration of the planned journey;**
- (f) the name and authorisation number of the transporter.**
- 2. In case of transport of terrestrial and aquatic animals on any long journey, any journey including livestock vessel or a short journey to a third country, the requirements of paragraph 1 shall be deemed met by submitting the journey log in accordance with Article 15.**

3. **In case of a short journey of terrestrial and aquatic animals between Member States or a short journey of terrestrial animals starting at or ending at an assembly center, the organiser shall provide the information referred to in paragraph 1 in TRACES.**

The Commission shall ensure that the information is retained in TRACES for a period of 6 years, except for personal data which shall be removed after 3 years in accordance with Article 51(4).

4. **In cases not covered by paragraphs 2 and 3, the transporter shall provide the information referred to in paragraph 1 in such a manner that it can be made immediately available to the competent authority on request during the entire journey.**

Article 15

*Journey log for [...] ~~any long journeys,~~ **any journey including livestock vessel** and for short journeys to third countries*

1. For transport of terrestrial and aquatic animals on any long journey, **any journey including on a livestock vessel** [...] or short journey to a third country, the organisers shall complete and sign ³ section 1 of the journey log prior to the journey, as set out in ~~point~~ **template 1, in template 3⁴ or template 4⁵ of Annex III, as applicable.**

³ **The following new paragraph 3 to be added to Article [XZ] in Chapter XI: Journey logs shall be completed, submitted, signed and approved in TRACES. However, in the case of the integrated journey log for transport by livestock vessels, where all journeys to the port of loading start in the same Member State, that Member State may use a national database for the completion, submission, signature and approval of the integrated journey log, provided that this database is interoperable with TRACES. In this case, the national database shall contain at least the information referred to in the template 4 set out in Annex III.**

⁴ **A new template 3 for the journey log for transport of aquatic animals to be developed.**

⁵ **A new template 4 for an integrated journey log for transport by livestock vessel to be developed.**

2. Where the journey log concerns a long journey ~~{within the Union}~~ or a short journey to a third country, the organiser shall submit the journey log for approval by the competent authorities⁶ at the places of departure, **or at the assembly centers if the journey starts there,** at least 2 working 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 [...]**.
4. The competent authority shall approve the journey log in TRACES provided the following conditions are met⁶:
- (a) the journey log **contains all the information required in the planning section of the journey log,** is realistic and indicates compliance with this Regulation,⁶ ;
 - (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 attendants⁷;~~
5. ~~[...]~~
6. ~~Competent authorities~~ **The Commission** shall ensure that journey logs [...] are retained in TRACES for a [...] 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).**

⁶ **A new Article 56a to be created: “Amendment of Regulation 2017/625 on official controls: ‘Article 21(1)(b) is deleted’.”**
A recital will be added to explain this deletion: “Article 21(2)(b) of Regulation 2017/625 provides that, in the case of long journeys, official controls are carried out prior to the journey to check that the journey log is realistic and indicates compliance with the Regulation and that transporters have the necessary authorisations and certificates. This Regulation requires that the competent authority approves journey logs provided they are realistic, indicate compliance with this Regulation and the transporter has the necessary authorisations. For reasons of legal clarity, it is necessary to amend Regulation 2017/625 to remove point (b) of Article 21(2).”

⁷ **Deleted because covered by official controls.**

Article 16

[...]

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 and animal welfare officers~~ prior to journey departure

1. Keepers [...] shall be responsible for ensuring ensure that the animals to be loaded on the means of transport are fit for transport **in accordance with Chapter I of Annex I and with point 4 of Annex II.**

Keepers at the place of departure shall ensure that the animals have been provided with feed and water before departure in accordance with the needs of the species and categories of the animals, 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 of the animal in the consignment that is at the most advanced stage of pregnancy.}

- 1a. **Keepers and staff ~~in charge of~~ responsible for catching and crating ~~animals~~ weaned farmed lagomorphs and poultry shall ensure that the animals are caught and placed in the containers in accordance with points ~~3.6~~⁸, 3.7 and ~~{3.8}~~ of Chapter III of Annex I⁹.**
2. **Keepers shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with point 3 of Chapter III of Annex I during the loading of animals on means of transport and shall ~~be~~ ensure that the loading is supervised by carried out by or in the presence of a veterinarian or a person holding a certificate of competence in accordance with Article 38, who shall supervise any other person involved in loading animals.**
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⁸ **Point 3.6 of Chapter III of Annex I is deleted.**

⁹ **As indicated in document 11902/25 INIT, a new point 3.8 is included in Chapter III of Annex I, reading: “When handled, farmed lagomorphs shall be lifted by the skin of the neck. Their body shall be supported with the other hand.”.**