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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of animals during transport and related operations, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 - *Presidency text on Chapter VII of Annex I (Space Allowances)*

With a view to the Working Party on Animal and Veterinary Questions (Animal Welfare) on 9-10 October 2025, delegations will find in annex the Presidency text on Chapter VII of Annex I (Space allowances),.

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

CHAPTER VII

SPACE ALLOWANCE FOR TRANSPORTS BY ROAD, RAIL ~~OR~~ SEA OR AIR

1. Allometric equation to calculate space allowance for animals of bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species, weaned farmed lagomorphs and poultry other than day-old chicks

1.1.1. Space allowance for transport **of bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species, weaned farmed lagomorphs and poultry other than day-old chicks** by road, ~~by~~ rail, ~~or by~~ sea **or air**, including transport in containers**, shall be** ~~is~~ calculated using the following allometric equation:

$$A = kW^{(2/3)},$$

whereby: A=area per animal [m^2 **for animals of bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species** or cm^2 for **weaned farmed lagomorphs and poultry other than day-old chicks** ~~for transport of birds and rabbits~~ in containers], W=live weight [kg], k= k-value **which is** ~~(~~specific to species/category~~, as~~ **and is** laid down in tables below~~)~~.

1.1.2. The time mentioned in the tables below includes the time the animal spends on a road or rail vehicle, including any time the road or rail vehicle is on board of a roll-on roll-off vessel.

1.2. Bovine species

1.2.1. Space allowance **in m^2** ~~area~~ per animal ~~[m^2] during~~ **for** transport **of bovine species** ~~by road, by rail, or by sea,~~ shall **be calculated using the following k-values**:

Bovine species	Time on a road or rail vehicle, including on a roll-on-roll-off vessel			Livestock vessel	Air transport
	< 9 hours	9-21 hours	> 21 hours		
k-value	Weaned animals: 0,0205	0,0270	0,0340	0,0340	[To be decided]

	Unweaned nimals: 0,0220				

1.2.2. If the external temperature is predicted to be above 30°C at the place of departure and the place of destination, and where relevant at assembly centres, ports, airports, control posts, border crossings between Member States, border crossings between third countries and exit points from the Union, and the means of transport is not equipped with a temperature control system as described in Article 31(1b), the space allowance per animal shall be increased by at least 10 percent, except where the above table sets a k-value of 0,0340.

1.2.3. In case of transport of bovine animals with horns, space allowance shall be increased on the basis of the above table to accommodate the physical size of all animals and prevent injuries.

1.3. Porcine species

1.3.1. Space allowance in m^2 per animal for the transport of porcine species shall be calculated using the following k-values:

Porcine species	Time on a road or rail vehicle, including on a roll-on-roll-off vessel			Time on a livestock vessel	Air transport
	< 9 hours	9-21 hours	> 21 hours		
k-value	0,0197	0,0230	0,0270	0,0270	[To be decided]

1.3.2. If the external temperature is predicted to be above 30ºC at the place of departure and the place of destination, and where relevant at assembly centres, ports, airports, control posts, border crossings between Member States, border crossings between third countries and exit points from the Union, and the means of transport is not equipped with a temperature control system as described in Article 31(1b), the space allowance per animal shall be increased by at least 10 percent, except where the above table sets a k-value of 0,0270.

1.4. Ovine and caprine species

1.4.1. Space allowance in m^2 per animal for the transport of ovine and caprine species shall be calculated using the following k-values:

Ovine and caprine species	Time on a road or rail vehicle, including on a roll-on-roll-off vessel			Livestock vessel	Air transport
	< 9 hours	9-21 hours	> 21 hours		
k-value	0,0260	0,0310	0,0370	0,0370	[To be decided]

1.4.2. If the external temperature is predicted to be above 30ºC at the place of departure and the place of destination, and where relevant at assembly centres, ports, airports, control posts, border crossings between Member States, border crossings between third countries and exit points from the Union, and the means of transport is not equipped with a temperature control system as described in Article 31(1b), the space

allowance per animal shall be increased by at least 10 percent, except where the above table sets a k-value of 0,0370.

1.4.3. If unshorn ovine animals are transported, the space allowance per animal shall be increased by at least 10 percent, except where the above table sets a k-value of 0,0370.

1.4.4. In case of transport of ovine or caprine animals with horns, space allowance shall be increased on the basis of the above table to accommodate the physical size of all animals and prevent injuries.

1.5. Weaned farmed lagomorphs

1.5.1. Space allowance in cm^2 per animal for the transport of weaned farmed lagomorphs shall be calculated using the following k-values:

Weaned farmed lagomorphs	Time on a road or rail vehicle, including on a roll-on-roll-off vessel			Air transport
	< 12 hours	12 – 36 hours	> 36 hours	
k-value	[200]	[270]	[350]	[To be decided]

1.5.2. If the external temperature is predicted to be above 30ºC at the place of departure and the place of destination, and where relevant at assembly centres, ports, airports, control posts, border crossings between Member States, border crossings between

third countries and exit points from the Union, and the means of transport is not equipped with a temperature control system as described in Article 31(1b), the space allowance per animal shall be increased by at least 10 percent, except where the above table sets a k-value of 350.

1.6. Poultry other than day-old chicks

1.6.1. Space allowance in cm^2 per animal for the transport of poultry other than day-old chicks shall be calculated using the following k-values:

Poultry other than day-old chicks	Time on a road or rail vehicle, including on a roll-on-roll-off vessel			Air transport
	< 12 hours	12 – 21 hours	> 21 hours	
k-value	195	240	290	[To be decided]

1.6.2. If the external temperature is predicted to be above 30ºC at the place of departure and the place of destination, and where relevant at assembly centres, ports, airports, control posts, border crossings between Member States, border crossings between third countries and exit points from the Union, and the means of transport is not equipped with a temperature control system as described in Article 31(1b), the space allowance per animal shall be increased by at least 10 percent, except where the above table sets a k-value of 290.

2. Space allowance for the transport by road, rail, sea or air of equines, day-old chicks, unweaned farmed lagomorphs and dogs and cats

2.1. Space allowance for transport of equine species

2.1.1. When equines are transported in groups or when a mare is transported with her foal, the stocking density in the animal compartment or in the pen shall not exceed 200 kg/m2.

2.1.2. When equine species are transported in individual stalls[1], the width of the stall shall allow for at least 20 cm on each side of the animal where the animal is widest. The length of the stall shall allow for at least 50 cm of free space in front of the head of the animal while the neck is parallel to the ground.

2.1.3. [Air transport of equines – to be decided]

2.2. The space allowance for transport of day-old chicks shall be at least 21 cm2 per chick.

2.3. Where unweaned farmed lagomorphs are transported in their nest, the space allowance shall be sufficient to accommodate the nest and preserve the thermal comfort and air circulation.

2.4. For dogs and cats transported in containers, the space allowance shall meet at least the following requirements:

i. The animal is able to assume standing and sitting posture without being in any way obstructed by the structure of the container.

ii. The animal is able to assume sternal recumbency.

iii. The internal width of the container is at least twice the width of the animal at the widest point.

Iv. The animal is able to turn around and shall have free access to water and feed if provided in the container.

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[1] **A new point 5.2a will be added in Chapter III of Annex I: "Animals of the equine species other than unbroken horses and mares with their foals shall be transported in individual stalls."**

Average live weight [kg]	Pigs k=0,027	Equidae k=0,029	Bovine animals k=0,034	Sheep and goats k=0,037
25	0,23	-		0,32
50	0,37	0,40	0,46	0,50
75	0,48	0,52	0,60	0,66
100	0,58	0,63	0,73	0,80
125	0,68	0,73	0,85	
150	0,76	0,82	0,96	
175	0,84	0,91	1,06	
200	0,92	1,00	1,16	
225	1,00	1,08	1,26	
250	1,07	1,16	1,35	
275	1,14	1,23	1,44	
300	1,21	1,31	1,52	
325	1,28	1,38	1,61	
350	1,34	1,45	1,69	
375	1,40	1,52	1,77	
400	1,47	1,59	1,85	
450		1,71	2,00	
500		1,84	2,14	
550		1,96	2,28	
600		2,08	2,42	
650		2,19	2,55	
700		2,30	2,68	
750		2,41	2,81	
800		2,52	2,93	
850			3,05	
900			3,17	
950			3,29	
1000	-	-	3,40	-

3. Space allowance in area per animal [cm2] for poultry and rabbits transported in containers shall comply at least with the figures below:

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approximate live weight	poultry k=290	rabbits k=270
1	290	270
1,5	380	354
2	460	429
2,5	534	497
3	603	562
3,5	669	622
4	731	680
4,5	790	736
5	848	789

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4. Equine animals other than unbroken horses and mares with their foals shall be transported in individual stalls.

The length of the individual stall shall be at least 40 cm greater than the length of the equine animal measured from the tail to the nose while with the neck is parallel to the ground, and additional 50 cm greater if feed in a hay net is provided in transit.

The width of the individual stall shall be in total at least 40 cm greater than the width of the animal at its widest point.