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With a view to the Working Party on Animal and Veterinary Questions (Animal Welfare & Husbandry) meeting on 2-3 April 2025, delegations will find in annex further revised Presidency text on Article 22.

Proposed changes to the Commission text compared to the previous version of that Article (14743/2/2023 REV 2) are marked as follows:

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

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Article 22

Assembly centres

1. Operators of assembly centres shall […] **ensure that the** staff **handling animals has completed** […] training courses on the technical rules set out in […] Chapters I and III of Annex I.

1a. The operator of an assembly centre shall ensure that their establishment complies with the requirements in Points 1.1, 1.2 and 2, except 2.4. and 2.6 of Chapter III of Annex I.

2. Operators of assembly centres shall:

(a) entrust the handling of animals only to […] **staff** who have completed training courses […] **as referred to in paragraph 1 and who provide evidence of completion of these courses**;

(b) […] inform staff […] of their duties and obligations under this Regulation and of the penalties […] **in case of** infringement […];

(c) make permanently available to staff […] the contact details of the competent authority to which any […] **non-compliance with** this Regulation is to be notified;

(d) in case of […] **non-compliances with the requirements** of this Regulation […] at an assembly centre, take the necessary measures to remedy the […] **non-compliance** and prevent its recurrence, without prejudice to any action taken by the competent authority;

(e) adopt, monitor and enforce the internal rules necessary to ensure compliance with points (a) to (d) […]**.**

(f) collect information on the time of the unloading of the animals at the assembly center and on the journey time by land of each of the previous journeys that are part of the overall journey;

(g) provide the information in point (f) to the organiser of the subsequent journey for those animals which are part of the new consignment formed in the assembly center.

~~3. An assembly centre shall not be indicated as the place of destination in the journey log referred to in Articles 15 and 16~~ **unless the animals stay in the assembly centre for at least seven days[1].**

~~4. No more than two stops involving unloading and loading again at assembly centres shall take place during a journey.~~

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[1] ~~New paragraphs 5a and 5b will be added in Article 15:~~

~~5a) When the place of destination is not known at the time of the planning, the competent authority at the place of departure may approve the journey log only if the following conditions are fulfilled:~~

~~(a) an assembly centre as defined in Article 3(23)(b) is indicated in the journey plan; and~~

~~(b) the requirements of paragraph 4 are complied with for the part of the journey until the assembly centre.~~

~~5b) In the case of paragraph 5a, the organiser shall, no later than 24 hours after the arrival of the animals at the assembly centre, complete the journey log in TRACES with the following information:~~

~~(a) place(s) of destination of every animal in the consignment;~~

~~(b) transporter(s) carrying out the part of the journey from the assembly centre to the place(s) of destination, except if this transport is carried out by a farmer to transport the animals they have purchased using their own means of transport for a distance of no more than 50 km from the assembly centre.~~

~~Based on the information referred to in paragraph (a), the competent authority at the place of departure shall verify if maximum journey times have been complied with for all such journeys.~~

4. Where an assembly centre is used in an overall journey, weaned animals other than transported for the purpose of slaughter or poultry and lagomorphs transported in containers shall have a rest period of a minimum of 6 hours at the assembly centre if the previous journey was a short journey, or a rest period of a minimum of 24 hours if the previous journey was a long journey.

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