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In preparation of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Animal Welfare) of 17-18 February 2026, delegations will find in annex Chapter II of Annex I of the above Regulation as revised by the Presidency on the basis of delegations' comments. The text will be included in a revised compilation of Annexes of that Regulation, together with Presidency suggestions to Annex II and to Chapters III, IV and VI of its Annex I.

ANNEX I

TECHNICAL RULES FOR TERRESTRIAL ANIMALS

as referred to in Articles 2, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 30, 33, 40, 44 and 47

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CHAPTER II

MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND CONTAINERS

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1. Provisions for all means of transport and containers

1.1. Means of transport~~,~~ **and** containers, **including** ~~and~~ their fittings shall be designed, constructed, maintained and operated so as to:

(a) avoid injury and suffering and ~~to~~ ensure the safety of the animals;

(b) protect the animals from inclement weather, extreme temperatures and adverse changes in ~~climatic~~ **meteorological and sea** conditions; **For this purpose, means of transport shall be equipped at least with a roof;**

(c) be **easy to** clean~~ed~~ and disinfect~~ed~~;

(d) prevent the animals escaping or falling out**;** ~~and~~ ~~**ensure that animals are**~~

(da) be able to withstand the stresses of movement~~s~~ **during the transport**;

(e) ensure that air quality**,** ~~and~~ quantity **and circulation** appropriate to the species **and categories of animals being** transported can be maintained;

(f) ~~provide access to the animals to~~ allow **animals** ~~them~~ to be ~~inspected~~ **checked**, fed **and hydrated when required,** and cared for **during the journey**;

(g) provide a flooring surface that ~~is anti-slip~~ **prevents animals from slipping and is appropriate to the species and categories of animals being transported;**

(h) provide a flooring surface that minimises the leakage of urine or faeces ~~when relevant for the species transported~~;

(i) provide a means of lighting sufficient for ~~inspection~~ **checking** and **providing** care ~~of~~ **to** the animals during transport. **In the case of short journeys, portable lighting may be used as the only means of lighting.**

~~**Points (f) and (i) shall not apply to containers used for transport of poultry and weaned farmed lagomorphs.**~~[1]

1.2. Sufficient space shall be provided inside the animals' compartment and at each of its levels **and inside containers,** to ensure that there is effective ~~ventilation~~ **air circulation** above the animals **when they are in a sitting position, in case of poultry, in a crouched position, in case of farmed lagomorphs and in a standing position, in case of other terrestrial animals.**

~~, without on any account hindering their natural movement.~~

~~1.3. For wild animals, the following documents shall accompany the animals:~~

~~(a) a notice indicating that the animals are wild, timid or dangerous;~~

~~(b) written instructions about feeding, watering and any special care required.~~[2]

1.4. Partitions **and their fittings** shall be strong enough to withstand the weight of animals **and any impact from the actions of the animals such as pulling, kicking or ramming. The partitions shall not have any gaps in which the animals could become trapped, and shall be high enough to prevent the animals from jumping over**. **Partitions and their f**ittings shall be designed for quick and easy operation.

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1 **This point is proposed to be deleted since "when required" has been added in point (f) and flexibility for portable lighting in short journeys has been inserted in point (i).**

2 **Deleted since Annex I terrestrial animals, which in Article 3 are defined as domestic animals of the equine, bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine species, kept cervids and camelids, dogs, cats, farmed lagomorphs and poultry.**

1.4a. Where required in Chapter V of this Annex, and taking into account the species, categories and size of the animals being transported and the duration of the journey or journeys, means of transport and containers shall be equipped with, or carry, watering devices. The watering devices shall be in good working order, appropriately designed and positioned. The number of watering devices in each compartment shall be sufficient to minimize any aggressive or competitive behavior between the animals[3].

Animals of the equine species may be watered using water devices such as buckets or other appropriate movable receptacles. Dogs and cats may be watered using water devices such as bowls or other appropriate movable receptacles.

~~1.5. Piglets of less than 10 kg, lambs **or kids** of less than 20 kg, calves of less than six months and foals of less than four months of age shall be provided with bedding material or equivalent material guaranteeing their comfort in accordance to the species, the number of animals being transported, the journey time **by land**, and the weather. This material has to ensure adequate absorption of urine and faeces so that animals remain clean and dry during the entire journey **or journeys**.[4]~~

~~**1.6. Containers loaded with animals, that are placed one on top of the other, shall have the necessary strength and stability, and instructions from the manufacturer concerning the maximum stacking height or weight shall be available.**[5]~~

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[3] **According to Chapter V of Annex I, water shall be provided ad libitum to unweaned animals. For weaned animals of the bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine species, water may be provided ad libitum, whereas for animals of the equine species, dogs and cats, water shall be provided at intervals of less than nine hours. Consequently, in certain cases, vehicles used for short journeys shall be equipped with, or carry, watering devices.**

[4] **Moved to point 1.7 of Chapter III of Annex I, since this concerns transport practices.**

[5] **Moved to point 4.4 of this Chapter, since this concerns containers.**

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2. Additional provisions for transport by road ~~or rail of equine, bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine animals~~[6]

2.1. **Road** ~~V~~**v**ehicles in which animals are transported shall be clearly and visibly marked indicating the presence of live animals~~, except when the animals are transported in containers marked in accordance with point 4.1~~.

2.2. Road vehicles shall carry suitable equipment for loading and unloading the animals **that meets the requirements set out in point 2 of Chapter III of this Annex, unless the animals are transported in containers that are loaded and unloaded manually.**

~~2.3. When assembling trains and during all other movement of rail wagons every precaution shall be taken to avoid jolting of a rail wagon containing animals.~~[7]

~~2.4. Where transport by rail is to last more than 3 hours, a means of killing suitable for the species shall be available with written instructions to use it for the animals transported and in a language that attendants understand.~~[8]

~~2.5. Vehicles transporting cats and dogs shall be equipped with functioning temperature and humidity sensors.~~[9]

~~**3. […]**~~[10]

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6 **The reference to rail is deleted since it is no longer relevant due to the amendments and deletions in points 2.1, 2.3 and 2.4.**
The reference to equine, bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine animals is deleted as the provisions of this paragraph also apply to other species of terrestrial animals.

7 **This point is proposed to be deleted since it is covered by Article 19(2a) "The driver shall […] drive in a manner that minimises the risk of injury to the animals".**

8 **This point is proposed to be deleted since the Articles do not provide for the attendant to perform killing during transport. Furthermore, delegations are reminded that emergency killing of animals is covered in the contingency plan (Articles 7 and 8 and Annex Va point 1(d)).**

9 **This point is proposed to be deleted since temperature sensors are required only for long journeys in accordance with article 24a(2) and there is no requirement for humidity monitoring.**

10 *Entire point moved to new Article 19a (14743/24).*

4. Additional provisions for ~~transport in~~ containers

4.1. Containers in which animals are transported shall be clearly and visibly marked, indicating the presence of live animals and with a sign indicating the top of the container**, unless the containers allow direct visual access to the animals and are loaded on a vehicle marked in accordance with point 2.1**.

~~4.2. During transport and handling, containers shall always be kept upright and severe jolts or shaking shall be minimised. Containers shall be secured before the start of the journey to prevent displacement due to the movement of the means of transport.~~[11]

4.3. Containers **or stacks of containers** of more than 50 kg shall be equipped with a sufficient number of adequately designed, positioned and maintained securing points enabling them to be securely fastened to the means of transport where they are to be loaded.

4.4. Containers loaded with animals, that are placed one on top of the other, shall have the necessary strength and stability so as to avoid deformation, collapse or displacement during transport.[12]

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[11] **Moved to point 1.1a of Chapter III of Annex I, since this concerns transport practices.**

[12] **Moved from point 1.6. The requirement for the availability of instructions is deleted, as this relates to transport practices and, moreover, such instructions may not be available from the manufacturer.**