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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 VI 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 II, III and IV of its Annex I.

## CHAPTER VI

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR LONG JOURNEYS OF TERRESTRIAL ANIMALS BY ROAD AND RAIL AND SEA[...]

#### 1. Roof

The means of transport Vehicles other than vehicles equipped with the temperature control system referred to in Article 31 (1b) shall be equipped with a properly insulated roof of light-colour and be properly insulated.

#### 2. Floor and Bedding

2.1. [...] Terrestrial animals shall be provided with appropriate bedding, or equivalent material which guarantees their comfort The quality and quantity of the bedding shall be appropriate to the species, the number of animals being transported, the duration of the journey or journeys [...], and the weather. ~~This material has to ensure absorption of urine and faeces so that~~ the animals remain clean and dry during the entire journey or journeys.

2.2. The bedding on road vehicles shall be replaced at least whenever the animals are unloaded at a control post.

#### 3. Feed for terrestrial animals other than poultry and farmed lagomorphs and poultry

3.1. The means of transport vehicle shall carry a sufficient quantity of appropriate feeding stuff so that animals do not show signs of hunger or fatigue feed to ensure compliance with the provisions referred to in Chapter V. The feeding stuffs feed shall be protected from the weather and from contaminants such as dust, fuel, exhaust gases and animal urine and faeces dung.

3.2. Where animals need to be fed by specific equipment on a vehicle, that equipment shall be transported in the means of transport vehicle.

3.3. Where feeding equipment as referred to in point 3.2. is used, it shall be so designed ~~secured to ensure~~ **secured to ensure** that **it does not tip over during transport**, if necessary, it is attached to the means of transport to prevent its being overturned. When the means of transport is moving and when the equipment is not in use, it shall be stored separately from the animals.

**3.3a. Feed for weaned farmed lagomorphs and poultry other than day-old chicks**

**In case feed for weaned farmed lagomorphs and poultry other than day-old chicks is required in accordance with points (a) and (e) of Article 27(3), feed shall be provided in accordance with the following conditions:**

- a) **It shall be available in all containers ~~at the start of the journey~~<sup>1</sup>;**
- b) **Space shall be provided within each container for the feed or feeding system;**
- c) **The floor or the feeding equipment shall be constructed to ensure that the feed is contained;**
- d) **The construction of the container shall allow each animal in the container to have access to feed;**
- e) **The feed shall be protected from the weather and from contaminants such as dust, fuel, exhaust gases, ~~and~~ animal urine and faeces ~~dung~~.**

**4. Partitions**

4.1. ~~The Vehicles means of transport~~ shall be fitted with partitions so that separate compartments may be created, while providing **ensuring that all** the animals **have** with free access to **feed and to** water, **when provided**.

4.2. The partitions shall be constructed in such a way that they can be placed in different positions so that the size of compartments can be **adjusted** ~~adapted to specific requirements, and to the species, categories type, size and number of animals.~~

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<sup>1</sup> **Requirement of having feed available in all containers is proposed to be moved to point 1.3 in Chapter V of Annex I.**

**5. Water supply for transport by road, rail, in containers for large animals and in containers for farmed lagomorphs and poultry other than day-old chicks**

5.1. ~~The Vehicles means of transport~~ and containers for large animals shall be equipped with a water supply that makes it possible for ~~the attendant to provide~~ water **to be provided** instantly whenever it is necessary during the journey, so that each animal has access to water.

**5.1a. In case fresh water is used for the hydration of weaned farmed lagomorphs or for poultry, other than day-old chicks, transported in containers, the system used to provide such animals with water shall comply with the following conditions:**

- a) **It shall be installed and connected to all containers before the start of the journey;**
- b) **It shall be easy to clean and disinfect;**
- c) **Each animal in the container shall have access to water.**

**5.1b. In case hydrogel is used for the hydration of weaned farmed lagomorphs or poultry, other than day-old chicks, transported in containers, the containers shall comply with the following conditions:**

- a) **Space shall be provided within each container for the hydrogel;**
- b) **The flooring of the container or of the receptacle for the hydrogel shall be constructed to ensure that the hydrogel is contained;**
- c) **Each animal shall have access to the hydrogel.**

~~5.2. The watering devices shall be in good working order, and be appropriately designed and positioned for the of the animals to be watered on board the vehicle.~~<sup>2</sup>

5.3. The water tanks' total capacity for each **vehicle or container for large animals** ~~means of transport~~ shall be at least equal to 1,5 % of its maximum payload. Water tanks shall be designed so that they can be drained and cleaned after each journey and shall be fitted with a system allowing their water level to be checked. They shall be connected to drinking devices within the compartments and maintained in good working order.

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<sup>2</sup> **Point 5.2. is moved to Chapter II of Annex I.**

5.4. **By way of** A derogation, ~~from point 5.3. may~~ **shall not** apply to containers for large animals exclusively used on vessels that supply water to them from the vessel's own water tanks.

**6. Ventilation systems for ~~means of transport by road~~ vehicles**

6.1. Ventilation systems on ~~means of transport by road~~ vehicles shall be designed, constructed and maintained in such a way that, at any time during the journey, whether the means of transport is stationary or moving, they are capable of operating for at least ~~6 hours~~ **the duration of the journey or journeys.**

6.2. The ventilation system ~~must~~ **shall** be capable of ensuring ~~even distribution~~ **air circulation** throughout the ~~vehicle~~ **animal compartments, including containers, with a minimum airflow of nominal capacity of 60 m<sup>3</sup>/h/KN of payload. It shall be capable of operating for at least 6 hours, independently of the vehicle engine.**