

Animal welfare during transport



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Animal transport

- Background – Regulation
- EFSA opinion and mandate
- Study
- Report
- And then?

Background

- Welfare during transport
- 1991, 1995, 1998 and 2005
- No changes in
 - Space allowances
 - Transport time
 - Resting time

Background cont

- No agreement on changes in transport time.
- Article 32
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council

Previous Commission
Proposal
Not successful

Current Commission
Report
Enforcement



EFSA – mandate

- Request for a scientific opinion
- January 2010
- The report shall take into account scientific evidence on welfare needs of animals

EFSA – mandate

- March 2002 – SCAHAW (Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare).
 - Horses, pigs, sheep and cattle
- March 2004 – EFSA
 - Poultry, rabbits, cats, dogs etc
- October 2004 – EFSA
 - Temperature

EFSA - Terms of reference

- Collect the most recent scientific information available
 - Main farmed species
- Assess the risk for the welfare of the transported animals according to the provisions in 1/2005.

Assess the risk in relation to

- Fitness for transport
- Means of transport
- Transport practices
- Watering and feeding interval, journey times and resting periods
- Additional provisions for long journeys (horses, cattle, goats, sheep, pigs)
- Space allowances

EFSA - Terms of reference

- Evaluate animal welfare indicators
 - Possible use as alternative to present requirements
 - Only indicators for “practical use”



Study

- Impact on animal welfare
- Impact on trade flows
- Implementation of navigation system
- Socio-economic implications
- Regional implications

Impact on animal welfare

- Impact of administrative measures
- Impact of new technical rules
- Enforcement
 - Difficulties – which and why?
 - Jurisdictional systems influence?
 - Guidelines?

Impact on trade flows

■ Impact of the Regulation on trade flows

- Enlargement
- Infrastructure
- Discrepancies in implementation

■ Data on transport of animals

Implementation of navigation system

■ Present state of play on implementation

- Uniform application?
- Level playing field?
- How do CA:s use information?
- Stakeholder opinion – wishes for amendment?

Socio-economic implications

■ Impact on the concerned sectors?

- Employment
- Cost structure
- Administrative burden

Regional implications

- Impact on farming activities in regions
- National rules being applied (outermost regions)?

Report

- *scientific evidence on welfare needs of animals (EFSA)*
- *impact of 1/2005 on welfare of animals*
- *the trade flows of live animals*
- *the implementation of the navigation system*
- *socio-economic implications, including regional aspects*

Timetable

- EFSA (European Food Safety Authority)
 - Stakeholder meeting 13 October 2010
 - Opinion – 31 December 2010
- Study – end February 2011
- Commission report – End 2011

And then what???



Legislation

Education

Enforcement
initiatives

Communication



Questions??