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Animal Transport in the EU

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Presently 28 members with a combined population of more than 500 million people.
Council Regulation (EC)1/2005

WHAT LAW IS APPLICABLE TO THE TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS IN THE EU
Who is Affected by 1/2005?

• Hauliers of Livestock including Equine
• Assembly Centres/ Control Posts
• Abattoirs
• Farmers;
• Commercial Pet Breeders.
STOCK NUMBERS IN THE EU
(Approximate)

- CATTLE..90 Million
- PIGS....150 Million
- SHEEP....86 Million
• Affects everyone who transports live vertebrate animals as part of an economic activity. (Journey)

• Sets minimum standards for the transport of animals.
ECONOMIC?
Member states have different interpretation of what is Economic
SOME OF THE LEGISLATION HAULIERS IN THE EU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE IS KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO ENSURE THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT.

THE GOOD👍 & THE BAD👎

(In their view)

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General Conditions – All Journeys

No person shall transport animals in a way likely to cause injury or undue suffering
WHO CAN ASSESS FITNESS FOR TRANSPORT?

The person who assesses fitness should be knowledgeable and familiar with the animals in question. Such a person may be the farmer, the owner of the animal, the stockman, The Keeper, A Veterinarian, The Transporter / Driver or a Local Enforcement Officer.

HOWEVER IT IS THE DRIVER THAT MAKES THE FINAL DECISION

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In your opinion the animals to be transported are fit for the intended journey?

Otherwise you could end up in front the courts.

1/2005 STATES

As a driver you must be sure that;

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The Journey
The Transporters Responsibility

Journey

• Means the entire transport operation from the place of departure to the place of destination, including any unloading, accommodation and loading occurring at intermediate points (ie: Control Posts)
LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT DRIVER TRAINING IN THE EU / UK
Since 5th January 2008 **ALL** Livestock Drivers using road vehicles for journeys over 65km must have received appropriate training and must hold the relevant certificate of competence. Two types of journey. SHORT (65 klm - 8 Hrs) and LONG (Over 8 hrs) (40 mls)

(Lifetime)

**ALSO**

The EU also has Legislation in place that ensures that **ALL** drivers that drive any vehicle over 3.5 t must undertake 35 hrs training every 5 years.
Problems arise because the Regulation only gives guidance about what training is required therefore every member state has it’s own interpretation of how to implement the regulation.
1/2005 DOES NOT STATE HOW LONG TRAINING SHOULD TAKE OR IN WHAT FORMAT. ONLY GIVES GUIDENCE ON WHAT SHOULD BE COVERED.

- VARIATION IN MEMBER STATES (28) FROM 4 or 5 HOURS to 4 or 5 DAYS

- NO CONSISTENCY

- NO TIME LINE – FOR LIFE IN SOME MEMBER STATES.

- NO CONTINUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) REQUIRED
Training requirements to be able to drive a Livestock Truck

- How to handle the various species
- How to load and unload without compromising welfare
- Stocking densities
- Driving with a live cargo
- Maximum travelling time for the different species
- Rest time required for the different species
- How to operate the vehicle; Hydraulic decks, Ventilation and Drinking systems etc.
- Plus the inevitable paper work and now the electronic registration required, Also make sure GPS is working.

- Not forgetting that they have to also keep to drivers hours and use the Tachograph correctly. Majority are now Digi Tacho’s.
DIGITAL TACHOGRAPH

• FITTED TO ALL NEW GOODS VEHICLES OVER 3.5 TONNES REGISTERED AFTER MAY 2006

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EC 1/2005

Also

Requires all transport companies to have authorisation for the type of journey’s they undertake.

Two types of journey’s.....
Short Journey .... Over 65 klms - Under 8 hours
Long Journey..... Over 8 hours
VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR SHORT AND LONG JOURNEY’S

Vehicles are inspected and must comply with the regulation. Covers items such as condition and floor area (Square Meters) available

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SHORT JOURNEY VEHICLE

UK Vehicle; 210 pigs. Average weight per pig 115 kilos. (Approximately 250 pounds)
Long distance vehicles must have certain additions such as Drinkers, GPS, Temperature Control.

Approximately 40 cattle @ 500 Kgs. (1100 lbs)
TYPICAL TRUCK USED IN THE EU FOR TRANSPORTING PIGS, SHEEP OR CATTLE.

COST; APPROXIMATELY 240/260,000 EURO DEPENDING ON SPECIFICATION.

Approximately 320,000 USD

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Vehicle construction and use

• All vehicles
  • designed, constructed, maintained and operated to ensure the safety of animals

• protect stock from injury, suffering, weather, excessive noise and vibration
THE LIVESTOCK VEHICLE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED AND OPERATED IN A WAY WHICH ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE ANIMALS DURING LOADING, TRANSPORT, AND UNLOADING. IT MUST PROTECT THEM FROM INJURY, UNNECESSARY SUFFERING, INCLEMENT WEATHER, AND EXCESSIVE NOISE AND VIBRATION.

IT MUST BE FREE OF ANY SHARP EDGES, PROTRUSIONS, GAPS AND SPACES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE INJURY

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Ramp Angles

Pigs, Calves and Horses - 20 degrees (36.4% to horizontal)

Sheep, Cattle (other than calves) - 26 degrees, 34 minutes (50% to horizontal)

slope steeper than 10 degrees (17.6% to horizontal) ramps need foot battens
LIFTING DECKS

DRINKERS FOR PIGS SHEEP & CATTLE

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VEHICLES HAVE TO ADHERE TO STOCKING DENSITIES LAID DOWN IN LEGISLATION
STOCKING RATE BASED ON FLOOR AREA

1st floor: 8, 80 m²
2nd floor: 8, 30 m²
3rd floor: 8, 11 m²
4th floor: 7, 97 m²
JOURNEY TIMES
Short Journey Over 65 klms – up to 8 Hours

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• Different times for different species

• No evidence to prove existing travelling times are good for the animals (or bad)

However

• None relate to the Drivers Hours

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EU JOURNEY TIMES (Long Journey)
Includes loading /unloading

- Calves ...9 + 1 + 9
  Cattle......14 + 1 + 14
  Pigs .......24hrs
    (Must have access to water)
- Domestic Horses 24hrs
  (Must be offered water and feed every 8 Hrs)

However...Drivers  Hours.
9 hours maximum in 24 hours
Must have 11 hours daily rest.
Can be 9 hours 3 times a week.
2 Drivers ; Maximum 21hours

After which you must take a 24 hour break for rest, feed and water.
(Must unload)
Poultry have 12 hours but does not include catching or time spent in crates
Enough height for *adequate* ventilation above animals standing naturally - must not hinder natural movement
ALTHOUGH EVEN WITH HEADROOM RESTRICTIONS WE NOW HAVE 5 TIER TRUCKS THESE IN THE MAIN ARE BEING BUILT FOR THOSE TRANSPORTERS THAT NEED TO TRANSPORT WEANER PIGS (7 KGS TO 30 KGS) IN BIG NUMBERS
TRUCKS USED IN THE UK and EU differ in as much the UK Operates at 44 Tonnes and the EU at 40 Tonnes. (6 Axles or 5 Axles)
EC 1/2005 Regulation tells us that we must have ventilation systems that are capable of maintaining temperatures from $5^\circ\,C$ to $30\,^\circ\,C$ with a $5\,^\circ\,C$ +/- tolerance. Must also be able to monitor and record.

Must be able to maintain the temperature for at least 4 hours independently of the vehicle's engine.
Sensors fitted inside vehicles to monitor temperature
GPS for LONG JOURNEY’S

SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEMS TO BE USED ON ALL LONG ROAD JOURNEYS. (OVER 8 HOURS)
400/500 Sheep / 35-40 Cattle
TRUCK & TRAILER MUST HAVE ON BOARD UNITS FOR RECORDING
VEHICLES USED ON LONG JOURNEY’S MUST BE ABLE TO CARRY AT LEAST 1.5 % OF THE PAYLOAD IN WATER
FINALLY ENFORCEMENT

ENFORCEMENT IS PARAMOUNT NO MATTER WHAT THE LEGISLATION SAYS AND EVEN IF IT IS THOUGHT TO BE BAD LEGISLATION.

UNLESS IT IS ENFORCED AND ENFORCED EVENLY THROUGHOUT MEMBER STATES WHAT IS THE POINT OF MAKING NEW LEGISLATION
MANY THANKS
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Questions Welcome