



Commission proposal on the protection of animals during transport **with a focus on aquatic animals**

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The current legislation

- The scope of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 **covers the transport of live vertebrate animals transported in connection with an economic activity.**
- **There are no specific welfare requirements for aquatic animals, but** the general principles in Art. 3 and some administrative procedures apply.
- There is no definition of aquatic animals.

Scope of the proposal

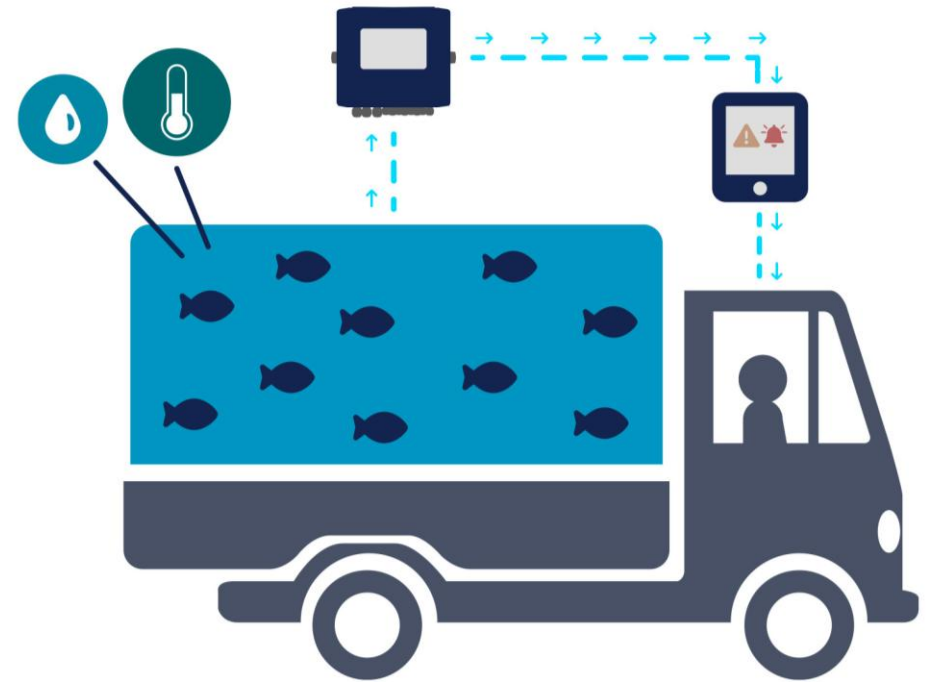
- The protection of animals during transport in connection with an economic activity
- Additional specific provisions on aquatic animals
- For the purpose of the Regulation:
 - **‘aquatic animals’** means fish, cephalopods and decapods.
- **Aquatic animals excluded**
 - ornamental fish;
 - direct deliveries of aquatic animals to food; businesses supplying the final consumer;
 - zoos;
 - CITES listed animals.
- Derogations for animals used for scientific purposes
- Animals imported from third countries must meet equivalent standards to those set out in the Regulation



General provisions

- **Article 4:**

- (1) No person shall transport animals or cause animals to be transported in a way that causes or is likely to cause undue suffering to it.
- (2) Any person transporting animals or causing animals to be transported shall ensure compliance with the following requirements:
 - (j) aquatic animals are provided with water in sufficient volume and quality.



Administrative provisions

- Organiser authorisation for long journeys
- Transporter authorisation for short journeys (≤ 9 h) and long journeys
- Training of drivers and attendants
- Certificate of approval for the means of transport by road for long journeys
- General obligations for transporters in accordance with Annex II
- Certificate for transport to third countries in compliance with Annex II
- Serious infringement – transport without monitoring of water parameters

New specific conditions for aquatic animals under Annex II

(based on WOAH Aquatic Animal Health Code Guidelines)

1. Design and maintenance of means of transport

I.e. appropriate to species, size, weight, and number of animals to be transported

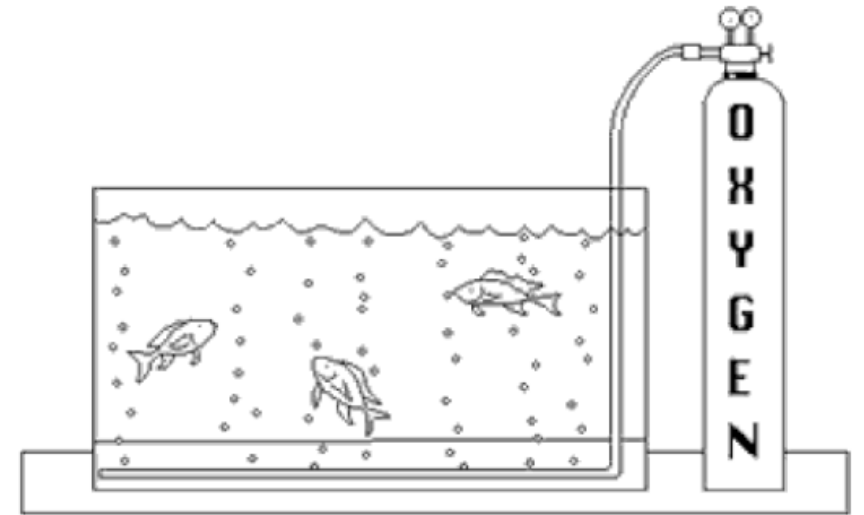
2. Handling

- no lifting by their gills
- using equipment designed to minimize physical injuries

3. Water

Monitoring and maintenance of water parameters during the journey (oxygen, carbon dioxide, ammonia and temperature).

4. Fitness for transport



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5. Loading practices

- avoiding any injury and unnecessary stress during loading
- assessment of crowding procedure, equipment used and significant changes in the water quality
- ensuring the appropriate density of aquatic animals

6. During transport

- periodic welfare inspections
- water quality monitoring

7. Unloading and post loading practices

- good principles during loading practices
- animal health and welfare observations

Proposed empowerments

- The Commission is empowered to adopt tertiary legislation aimed to update the technical rules in Annex II considering the technical progress and latest scientific developments related to:
 - Design and maintenance of means of transport
 - Handling
 - Water
 - Fitness for transport
 - Loading practices
 - During transport
 - Unloading and post loading practices



Next steps of EU lawmaking process



Thank you



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