

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

## Overview of the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005

This is a summary of the main requirements. You should read this along with [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1/2005](#) on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives.

### Exemptions from Regulation

The Regulation does not apply to the transport of animals:

- Where the transport is not in connection with an economic activity; or
- Transport to or from veterinary practices or clinics under veterinary advice.

Only Article 3 (General conditions for the transport of animals) and Article 27 (Inspections) apply to the transport by farmers of their own animals, in their own vehicles, for a distance of less than 50km from their holding, or for seasonal stock movements between pastures.

### Animals that cannot be transported

- **Unfit animals**  
See [Annex 1 Chapter 1 of Council Regulation 1/2005](#)
- **Very young animals**  
except if the journey is less than 100 km, e.g. calves of less than 10 days of age, pigs of less than three weeks and lambs of less than one week
- **Calves of less than 14 days of age**  
on journeys exceeding 8 hours will not be permitted
- **Pregnant female animals**  
will not be considered fit for transport if they have reached the latest stage of gestation (within 10% of the estimated time of the gestation before birth) and for a period of one week after giving birth
- **Cats and dogs under 8 weeks of age**  
may not be transported commercially, unless accompanied by their mother

### Transporter requirements for journeys up to 65KM

Transporters are not required to have vehicle authorisation or training and certificates of competence. However, they must comply with the technical rules on fitness to travel, means of transport and transport practices. See [Annex 1 of Council Regulation 1/2005](#).

## **Transporter authorisation for journeys over 65 km and under 8 hours**

Authorisation will be granted, and will be valid for a maximum of 5 years, if transporters can comply with the following:

- The transporter has an established business or, in the case of businesses established outside of the UK, is represented in the country
- The transporter can demonstrate that they have appropriate staff, equipment and operational procedures to transport animals in compliance with the new Regulation
- The transporter has no record of serious infringements of animal welfare legislation in the 3 years preceding application

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- The transporter has no record of serious infringements of animal welfare legislation in the 3 years preceding application
- The transporter must provide:
  - valid certificates of approval vehicles and containers
  - details of procedures enabling transporters to trace and record the movement of road vehicles under their responsibility and to contact the drivers at any time
  - contingency plans in the event of emergencies
  - valid certificates of competence for drivers and attendants
- All vehicles used for the transport of horses (except registered horses) or farmed animals to have a satellite navigation system.

## **Training and competence for drivers and attendants and assembly centre personnel**

**Drivers or attendants** responsible for the transport of farmed animals, horses and poultry over 65km are required to hold a certificate of competence.

**Assembly centre staff** are not required to obtain a certificate of competence but must undergo training.

**Training courses** cover the technical and administrative aspects of the rules and regulations that apply to the protection of animals during transport. These include:

- general conditions of transporting animals
- the documents that are required
- fitness for transport
- journey planning
- animal physiology and feed needs, animal behaviour and the concept of stress
- practical aspects of handling animals
- impact of driving behaviour on welfare of animals and on the quality of meat
- emergency care for animals
- safety of personnel handling animals

A **certificate of competence** will be awarded once an independent assessment of knowledge of the above has been made by a designated awarding body.

### **Specific requirements for the transport of horses**

- Horses must be transported in single partitions on journeys longer than 8 hours, or when transported in a vehicle on a roll-on roll-off ferry (other than a mare and foal)
- A minimum space above the withers must be given
- Unbroken ponies may not be transported in groups of more than four and cannot be transported on journeys longer than 8 hours by road
- Foals under 4 months must have appropriate bedding and (unless with their mother) may not be transported for longer than 8 hours by road