

Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005

General conditions for the transport of animals

The Council Regulation prohibits a person to transport an animal or cause an animal to be transported in a way that is likely to cause it injury or undue suffering.

In addition the following conditions must also be complied with –

- (a) Arrangements have been made in advance to minimise the length of the journey;
- (b) The animals are fit for the journey;
- (c) The vehicle used to transport the animals is designed, constructed, maintained and operated so as to avoid injury and suffering and ensure the safety of the animals being transported;
- (d) Loading and unloading facilities are adequately designed, constructed, maintained and operated so as to avoid injury and suffering and ensure the safety of the animals;
- (e) Personnel handling the animals are trained or competent as appropriate for this purpose and carry out their tasks without using violence or any method likely to cause unnecessary fear, injury or suffering;
- (f) The transport is carried out without delay to the place of destination and the welfare conditions of the animals are regularly checked and appropriately maintained;
- (g) Sufficient floor area and height is provided for the animals; appropriate to their size and the intended journey;
- (h) Water, feed and rest are offered to the animals at suitable intervals and are appropriate in quality and quantity to their species and size.