

Republic of Latvia

Cabinet

Regulation No. 322

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Animal Transport Regulations

*Issued pursuant to
Section 10, Clauses 8 and 23
of the Animal Protection Law*

I. General Provisions

1. This Regulation prescribes:

1.1. the procedures for animal (live vertebrate animal) transport, the welfare requirements for animal transport in a means of transport, as well as the procedures by which a permit of animal transporter and a permit for a means of transport for animal transport shall be issued and registered in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 (hereinafter – Council Regulation No 1/2005);

1.2. the procedures by which training regarding animal welfare during transport shall be carried out, the training programme and the procedures by which a certificate regarding training (hereinafter – qualification certificate) shall be issued and cancelled, as well as the procedures for registration of trained persons.

2. The following terms are used in this Regulation:

2.1. a permit of the means of transport – a permit for a means of transport for carrying of animals, which conforms to the term “certificate of approval” used in Articles 18 and 19 of Council Regulation No 1/2005;

2.2. short journey – journey which lasts no longer than eight hours from the moment when the first animal of the animal consignment is moved for the first time;

2.3. long journey – journey which lasts longer than eight hours from the moment when the first animal of the animal consignment is moved for the first time.

3. The training courses laid down in Article 17 Council Regulation No 1/2005 shall be ensured by the limited liability company “Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre” (hereinafter – Training Centre) which is subordinate to the Ministry of Agriculture in carrying out of this task.

II. Animal Transport Procedures and Welfare Requirements for Animal Transport in Means of Transport

4. In transporting livestock in the territory of the Republic of Latvia, according to Article 4 (1) of Regulation No 1/2005, there shall be the following documents on a means of transport referred to in the legal act regarding the procedures for registration of livestock, their herds and holdings and the procedures for marking of livestock:

- 4.1. the animal movement declaration, if animals are moved from one holding to another;
 - 4.2. an accompanying document for moving of animals to a slaughterhouse, if animals are transported to a slaughterhouse;
 - 4.3. an accompanying document of movement of animals to a slaughterhouse, if animals are transported to animal assembly centres.
5. When transporting pet animals in the territory of the Republic of Latvia, there shall be a vaccination certificate or a passport of pet animal issued by a practising veterinarian authorised by the Food and Veterinary Service (hereinafter – Service) in the means of transport.
6. When transporting animals in a means of transport, the welfare requirements referred to in Article 3 and Annex I to Regulation No 1/2005 shall be conformed to.
7. When transporting pet animals on a public means of transport:
- 7.1. a dog shall be muzzled, held on a leash or placed in an appropriate case, container or cage;
 - 7.2. other pet animals shall be placed in appropriate cases, containers or cages.
8. An animal shall not be left unattended in a means of transport if that can possibly threaten the health or life of the animal.
9. A permit of the means of transport shall not be necessary and the requirements referred to in Annex I, Chapter VI, Sub-paragraphs 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 4.1 of Regulation No 1/2005 need not be applied, if:
- 9.1. if animal transport outside the border of the Republic of Latvia does not exceed 12 hours, transporting pigs without continuous water supply, as well as equidae, cattle, sheep and goats in a means of transport;
 - 9.2. the transporter complies with the requirements referred to in Article 5(4) of Regulation No 1/2005 and in Paragraph 11 of this Regulation.

III. Procedures for the Issuance and Registration of an Animal Transporter Authorisation and an Authorisation of the Means of Transport

10. In order to transport animals over short journeys, an animal transporter authorisation for short journeys must be received with the Service.
11. Such transporter is entitled to receive an animal transporter authorisation for short journeys who conforms to the requirements referred to in Article 10(1) of Regulation No 1/2005 and performs the following activities with a territorial unit of the Service:
- 11.1. submits agenda containing information regarding:
 - 11.1.1. activities involving animals;
 - 11.1.2. the loading and unloading facilities;
 - 11.1.3. the procedures for accommodating animals in a means of transport;
 - 11.1.4. the cleaning and disinfection of a means of transport;
 - 11.2. presents a qualification certificate;
 - 11.3. presents a means of transport for animal transport conforming to the requirements of Annex I, Chapter II of Regulation No 1/2005.
12. An animal transporter authorisation for short journeys and a qualification certificate shall not be necessary if:

12.1. a livestock owner transports animals belonging thereto using a means of transport thereof and the distance of transport from a holding does not exceed 50 kilometres;

12.2. the distance of transport from the place of departure to the place of destination does not exceed 65 kilometres.

13. In order to transport animals over long journeys, an animal transporter authorisation for long journeys and an authorisation of the means of transport must be received with the Service.

14. Such transporter is entitled to receive an animal transporter authorisation for long journeys who conforms to the requirements referred to in Article 10(1) of Regulation No 1/2005 and has submitted the documents referred to in Article 11 of Regulation No 1/2005 to a territorial unit of the Service, as well as:

14.1. agenda containing information regarding:

14.1.1. activities involving animals;

14.1.2. the loading and unloading facilities;

14.1.3. the procedures for accommodating animals in a means of transport;

14.1.4. the feeding and watering intervals for animal species to be transported;

14.1.5. the transport and resting periods;

14.1.6. the cleaning and disinfection of a means of transport;

14.2. a contingency plan in the event of emergencies, which includes the following information regarding activities involving animals for the provision of their welfare:

14.2.1. action in a road traffic accident or in the event if transport has been stopped or extended due to closed roads or bad weather conditions;

14.2.2. action in the event of a short-term and long-term damage to the means of transport or its facilities;

14.2.3. action in the event of an illness and death of an animal;

14.2.4. action in the event of extreme weather conditions (for example, heat, cold).

15. In order to receive an animal transporter authorisation for long journeys, in addition to that referred to in Paragraph 14 of this Regulation the transporter shall lodge a certification to the territorial unit of the Service that:

15.1. communication with the driver may be ensured during transport;

15.2. the means of transport is equipped with a route control system (navigation system), which can record movement, stopping, resting periods and places, as well as opening and closing of the loading flap.

16. An authorisation of the means of transport for long journeys shall be issued, if the means of transport conform to the requirements referred to in Articles 18(1) and 19(1) of Regulation No 1/2005.

17. The Service shall, within 10 days after receipt of the documents, evaluate:

17.1. the conformity with the requirements referred to in Paragraphs 11, 14 and 15 of this Regulation and take a decision to issue an animal transporter authorisation or to refuse to issue an animal transporter authorisation;

17.2. the conformity with the requirements referred to in Paragraph 16 of this Regulation and take a decision to issue an authorisation of the means of transport or to refuse to issue an authorisation of the means of transport.

18. In order to receive an animal transporter authorisation or an authorisation of the means of transport, the animal transporter shall pay a State fee in accordance with the legal act

regarding amount of the State fee and payment procedures for the issuance of the animal transporter authorisation, or in accordance with the laws and regulations regarding the State fee for the issuance of an authorisation for a means of transport for animal transport.

19. The Service shall create and maintain a register of animal transporter authorisations and authorisations of the means of transport issued. The following information shall be indicated in the register:

- 19.1. regarding the person who has received an animal transporter authorisation:
 - 19.1.1. the name, registration number and telephone number of a legal person;
 - 19.1.2. the given name, surname, personal identity number and telephone of a natural person;
- 19.2. the authorisation number, date of issue, place of issue, term of validity and type (for short or long journeys);
- 19.3. animal species permitted for transport;
- 19.4. regarding the authorisation for the means of transport:
 - 19.4.1. the type of the means of transport permitted to transport animals;
 - 19.4.2. the number, date of issue, place of issue, term of validity of the authorisation;
 - 19.4.3. animal species permitted for transport;
 - 19.4.4. State registration number of the means of transport.

20. Processing of the information referred to in Paragraph 19 of this Regulation shall take place in accordance with the requirements laid down in the Personal Data Protection Law, and it shall be available to the public on the website of the Service, except the information referred to in Sub-paragraph 19.1.2 of this Regulation regarding personal identity number and telephone number of a natural person.

IV. Training Regarding Animal Welfare during Transport, Training Programme and Procedures for the Issuance and Cancellation of Qualification Certificates, as well as Procedures for the Registration of Trained Persons

21. The Training Centre shall ensure training to drivers of vehicles and accompanying persons regarding animal welfare during transport.

22. The Training Centre shall draw up a training programme regarding animal welfare during transport in accordance with the requirements referred to in Annex IV of Regulation No 1/2005 and co-ordinate it with the Service.

23. The Training Centre shall issue a qualification certificate to persons who have acquired a training course regarding animal welfare during transport.

24. The Training Centre shall register persons who have received a qualification certificate (hereinafter – certified person). The following information shall be indicated in the register of certified persons:

- 24.1. the given name, surname, personal identity number and declared place of residence of the certified person;
- 24.2. the number of the qualification certificate;
- 24.3. the date of issue of the qualification certificate;
- 24.4. the electronic mail address, telephone and fax number (if any) of the certified person.

25. The Training Centre shall ensure access to the following public information regarding the certified person on the website www.llkc.lv within five working days after issuance of the qualification certificate in accordance with the requirements laid down in the Personal Data Protection Law:

- 25.1. the given name, surname;
- 25.2. the date of issue of the qualification certificate;
- 25.3. the number of the qualification certificate.

26. In accordance with Article 26(5) of Regulation No 1/2005 the Service may take a decision to suspend or cancel the operation of the qualification certificate.

27. The Service shall inform the Training Centre regarding suspending the operation of a qualification certificate or cancellation of a qualification certificate within two working days after taking the relevant decision, indicating the reasons for suspension or cancellation.

28. The Training Centre shall suspend the operation of the qualification certificate or cancel the qualification certificate and within two working days after receipt of the information referred to in Paragraph 27 of this Regulation inform the relevant person regarding suspending the operation of a qualification certificate or cancellation of a qualification certificate, as well as make the relevant changes in the register of certified persons.

29. A person the operation of whose qualification certificate has been suspended shall take an examination regarding animal welfare during transport within three months after suspending the operation of the qualification certificate.

30. After a person has passed examination regarding animal welfare during transport the Training Centre shall renew the suspended qualification certificate and within two working days shall insert information regarding the renewed qualification certificate in the register of certified persons, as well as ensure public access to the information on the website.

31. If a person does not renew the qualification certificate within the time period referred to in Paragraph 29 of this Regulation, the qualification certificate shall be cancelled. The Training Centre shall make changes in the register of certified persons within two working days after cancellation of the qualification certificate and inform the person regarding cancellation of his or her qualification certificate.

32. In order for a person to renew the cancelled qualification certificate, he or she shall acquire training course and pass examination regarding animal welfare during transport.

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