


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	1993/1197(CNS)	Procedure completed
Protection of animals during transport (amend. direct. 91/628/EEC)		
Subject 3.10.04.02 Animal protection		

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Council of the European Union			
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	Social Affairs	1862	29/06/1995
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1858	19/06/1995
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	Agriculture and Fisheries	1837	27/03/1995
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	Agriculture and Fisheries	1772	20/06/1994

Key events			
12/07/1993	Legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0330	Summary
17/09/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/12/1993	Vote in committee		Summary
01/12/1993	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0404/1993	
13/12/1993	Debate in Parliament		Summary
15/12/1993	Decision by Parliament	T3-0694/1993	Summary
20/06/1994	Debate in Council	1772	
26/06/1994	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0252	Summary
20/09/1994	Debate in Council	1783	
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27/03/1995	Debate in Council	1837	Summary
29/05/1995	Debate in Council	1848	Summary
29/06/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/06/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/06/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1993/1197(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
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Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1993)0330 OJ C 250 14.09.1993, p. 0012	13/07/1993	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0404/1993 OJ C 020 24.01.1994, p. 0005	02/12/1993	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T3-0694/1993 OJ C 020 24.01.1994, p. 0032-0063	15/12/1993	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0105/1994 OJ C 127 07.05.1994, p. 0032	27/01/1994	ESC	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1994)0252 OJ C 200 22.07.1994, p. 0021	27/06/1994	EC	Summary
Follow-up document	COM(2000)0809	06/12/2000	EC	Summary

Final act

[Directive 1995/29](#)
[OJ L 148 30.06.1995, p. 0052](#) Summary

Protection of animals during transport (amend. direct. 91/628/EEC)

The purpose of this proposal is to amend Directive No 91/628 concerning the protection of animals during transport, in order to add two new chapters to the annex setting out requirements for the space allocated to the animals, the minimum travelling times and minimum rest periods. It is also proposed that, where reliable scientific evidence is available, the annex be amended and specific requirements incorporated for clearance in vehicles and scheduled feeding and watering intervals for certain types of animals. ?

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The rapporteur, Mr Morris, called for animals for slaughter not to be transported by road for longer than eight hours, to receive appropriate food and rest at suitable intervals. Secondly, he called for the persons authorised to transport the animals to be qualified. ?

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Adopting the report by Mr Morris (PSE, UK) by 271 votes to 6 with 2 abstentions, Parliament called for animals for slaughter not to be transported by road for longer than eight hours, to receive appropriate food and rest at suitable intervals. Secondly, it called for the persons authorised to transport the animals to be qualified. Parliament called for the creation in the Commission of a service with adequate staff with the special task of dealing with the well-being of animals (amendment PPE 147/127/2). ?

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In light of Parliament's opinion, the Commission has amended its original proposal as follows:

- the animals are rested, fed and watered and, if necessary, unloaded and given appropriate accommodation. Maximum intervals (in hours) applicable to various types of animals are laid down;
- During transport, the animals must receive water and appropriate food and rest at suitable intervals.
- All animals shall be rested for at least eight hours whilst receiving food. After 24 hours of journey time (including resting periods), all animals must receive 10 hours of rest.
- Lastly, exporters of animals to third countries shall give a written undertaking that the provisions of this Directive will be observed throughout the journey and that arrangements have been made to ensure this compliance.

Protection of animals during transport (amend. direct. 91/628/EEC)

The Council again addressed the sensitive problem of the protection of animals during transport. For this purpose it had the Presidency compromise drawn up and examined at the February meeting as a basis for its discussion. During the discussion the Commission made some suggestions for technical improvements to the Presidency compromise, which the Council intends to examine. Winding up, the President appealed to all delegations to make an effort so that the Council could reach a Decision at a future meeting.

Protection of animals during transport (amend. direct. 91/628/EEC)

The Council addressed once again the sensitive and difficult issue of the protection of animals in transport. For this purpose it had the Presidency compromise put forward in March together with suggestions from the Commissioner, Mr Fischler. Concluding its discussions, the Council noted that several delegations could agree on certain basic principles that should underpin any future solution, such as the distinction to be made between species, specific requirements for the most delicate animals, adaptation of means of transport to the animals' physiological needs, and transport by sea. There were still deep disagreements among delegations, especially over journey times, rest periods, watering and feeding intervals, and the continuation of journeys after rest periods. The Council agreed to continue the discussion at its next meeting, when it would try to reach a conclusion on the issue.

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OBJECTIVE: to eliminate technical barriers to trade in live animals and to allow the market organisations in question to run smoothly, while ensuring a satisfactory level of protection for the animals concerned.

COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 95/29/EC amending Directive 91/628/EEC concerning the protection of animals during transport.

CONTENT:

- . the Directive harmonises travelling times, feeding and watering intervals, resting periods and space allowances for certain types of animal;
- . Member States may lay down stricter conditions for journey times for animals destined for slaughter where the animals are to be transported between a place of departure and a place of destination situated in their territory;

ENTRY INTO FORCE: Member States must comply with the Directive by 31 December 1996 at the latest (they shall have an additional period running until 31 December 1997 within which to apply the conditions relating to certain means of transport)..

Protection of animals during transport (amend. direct. 91/628/EEC)

This document presents a report on the experience acquired by Member States since the implementation of Council Directive 95/29/EC amending Directive 91/628/EEC concerning the protection of animals during transport. Council Directive 95/29/EC included an obligation for the Commission to submit a report to the Council on the experience acquired by the Member States since the implementation of the Directive. Three sources of information have been used in drafting this report: - Member States inspection reports; - Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) inspection reports; - Complaints from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The main findings of this report are follows: - Member States have difficulty in fully applying the Directive. The FVO reports points to the low level of priority given by Member States in implementing the Directive; - difficulties in collecting inspection reports from Member States and insufficient harmonisation of the data transmitted limited their use; - the transport of horses from Central and Eastern European Countries to the EU is a particular area of concern. Little long-term improvement has been secured. From a technical point of view the main findings are the following: - inadequate road vehicles; - illegal route plans and non-compliance with travelling time limits; - negligence and poor handling of animals; - transport of unfit animals; - insufficient ventilation on road vehicles. ?