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Position Paper for a Revision of the EU's Legislation on Animal Transport

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Status

- **A position paper by Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Belgium and the Netherlands (the ‘Vught cooperation’).**
- **June 7: Submitted to the European Commission.**
- **July 18: Presented at the Agriculture and Fisheries Council.**
- **End of 2023: New EU legislation on animal transport?**



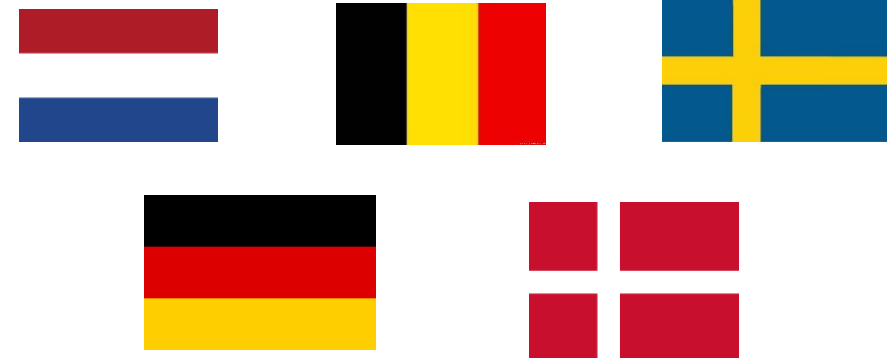
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Millions of animals are transported in the EU every day. Their welfare during transport is currently regulated by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations (hereafter ‘the Transport Regulation’). The governments of Belgium, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden find that the Transport Regulation needs to be updated and brought in line with current scientific findings. The Regulation contains a number of vague provisions making it very difficult to ensure that the requirements contained in the Regulation are uniformly enforced across the Union.

We therefore welcome the Commission’s intention as stated in the Farm to Fork strategy to revise the Transport Regulation. We look forward to engaging in the evaluation of the current rules as outlined in the Roadmap for the Fitness check of the EU legislation on animal welfare of farmed animals.

Securing animal welfare during transport is also a high priority for the European Parliament. The European Parliament has established an Inquiry Committee on live animal transport with the aim of providing a source document for the revision of the Transport Regulation. We greatly welcome the efforts made by the Commission and the European Parliament with regard to reviewing the existing legal framework.

The undersigned Member States look forward to engaging in a constructive dialogue with the Commission with the aim of discussing how to improve animal welfare during transport. In that respect, we strongly believe that any future legislation on animal welfare during transport must address the following key issues:



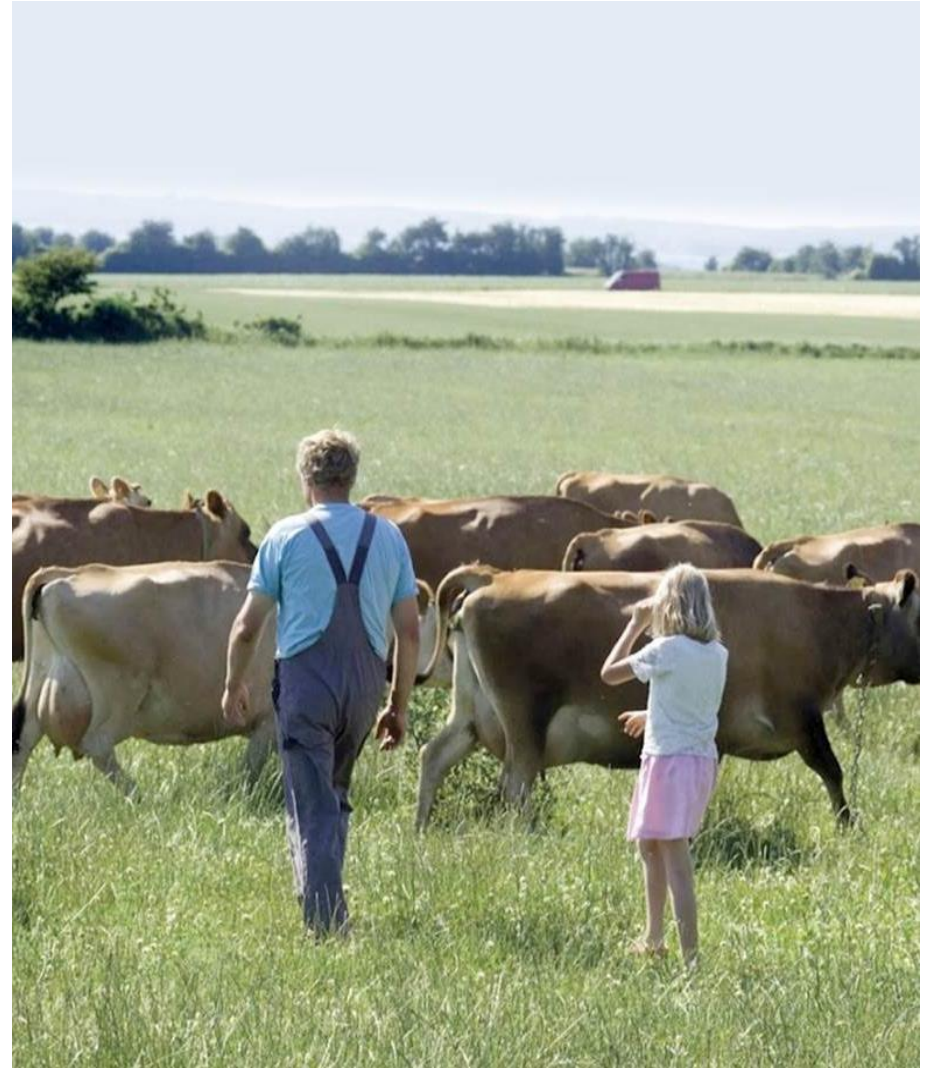
An important opportunity

- **Animal welfare during transport is of great concern for the European citizens.**
- **Protecting animal welfare is an important step towards a more sustainable food chain.**
- **When animal welfare is protected, animals are healthier.**
- **Underlined in the EU's Farm to Fork Strategy.**



We need a more ambitious legislation

- **Current regulation is outdated (2005).**
- **General and imprecise provisions.**
- **Needs to be brought in line with scientific evidence.**
- **The position paper addresses these key issues.**



Suggestions for a coming revision

- **A clearer definition of "economic activity".**
- **Rules adjusted to specific animal needs (e.g. temperature, deck height).**
- **A ban on long transports of slaughter animals.**
- **Clearer requirements for watering and feeding.**
- **A more defined regulatory environment for transports to third countries.**
- **... and more.**





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Thank you for your attention!