



State of play: EU Animal Health Law

Planning and context of future work on delegated and implementing acts

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Animal Health Law (AHL) adoption

- *Regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases (Animal Health Law)* adopted by the European Parliament and the Council: 9 March 2016*
- *Official Journal publication: 31 March 2016*
- *Regulation in force: 21 April 2016*
- *It will apply as of: 21 April 2021 (in 5 years)*
- *Delegated and implementing acts*
 - **To be developed by the Commission to complement the framework law**



*Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') (Text with EEA relevance)

Delegated and Implementing acts

- *Timeline for Delegated (DA) and Implementing acts (IA):*
 - **5 years transitional period for the application of the AHL**
 - **COM to adopt "key" DA and IA 24 months before the date of application of the Regulation**
 - "Key" acts determined by the EP and the Council (AHL, Article 274)
 - **Other rules** will be developed later:
 - after the deadline for key acts (after 2019)
 - after the application of the AHL (after 2021)
- *Grouping of empowerments for DA and IA by themes*
→ *see also Non-paper of 10/10/2014 available at COM web-side*

Priority order of DA and IA

- *Preliminary priority order, focussing on "key" acts*
 - 1. Disease listing and categorisation, list of species, including related assessments**
 - 2. Intra-EU movements for terrestrial animals and products and their entry into the EU**
 - 3. Aquatic animal health, including disease control, Intra-EU movements and entry into the Union**
 - 4. Disease prevention and control rules, incl. disease notification, reporting, surveillance, eradication**
 - 5. Non-commercial movements of pet animals and other rules (for later stages)**



Disease listing and categorisation and listing of species

- *Assessment of diseases following the AHL criteria for:*
 - **Listing of animal diseases**
 - **Categorisation of animal diseases**
 - **Listing of species**
- *DA: amending list of diseases in Annex II of the AHL*
- *IA: categorising diseases and listing of species*
- *Preliminary timing for feed-back and consultation:*
 - **mid-2016 onwards: feedback, ad-hoc meetings...**
 - **2017 and onwards DA and IA & consultation***

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Terrestrial animals, germinal products, products of animal origin

- *Rules for **intra-EU movements and entry into the Union** for animals and products separately*
 - **Ad hoc working groups: starting 2nd half 2016 (after summer)**
 - **Study for Intra-EU certification: 3rd Q 2016 – 3rd Q 2017**
 - **Impact assessment needed for certain rules?**
 - **Formal DA, IA consultation*: 2nd half 2017 - beginning 2018**
 - **Maximum adoption dates DA and IA: end 2018 - beginning 2019**

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Aquatic animal health, incl. intra-EU and entry into the Union

- *COM assessment (study) of certain aspects (with SANTE Dir. F): end 2016 – beginning 2017*
- *Ad hoc working groups: starting 2nd half 2016 (after summer)*
- *Formal DA, IA consultation*: 2nd Q – end 2017*
- *Maximum adoption dates for DA and IA: beginning 2019*

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Disease prevention and control & notification, reporting, surveillance, eradication

- *Internal COM work: starting 2nd – 3rd Q 2017*
- *Ad hoc working groups: starting 2nd half 2017*
- *Formal DA, IA consultation*: 2nd half 2018*
- *Target adoption dates for DA and IA: beginning 2019*

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Other rules

- *DA and IA on non-commercial movements of pet animals (timing estimation between 2022-2025)*
 - **N.B. 10-year transitional period for Reg (EU) No. 576/2013**
- *Other rules to be considered if necessary (no specified timing):*
 - **rules for other animal species**
 - **biosecurity**
 - **activities delegated to veterinarians**
 - **animal health visits**
 - **derogations, special rules, etc.**
- *DA and IA on official controls for animals and products (Official Controls proposal): timing?*

More about AHL and the process:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/health/regulation/index_en.htm



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