



EU Animal Health Law

Study on a possible derogation from certain certification requirements for intra-EU trade in live animals

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Intra-EU trade animal health certification of live terrestrial animals

- Current animal health rules for intra-EU trade require specific health requirements to be complied with, including obligation for veterinary certification.
- Animal Health Law (AHL), applicable as of 21 April 2021, provides for:
 - **the requirement for animal health certification for certain terrestrial animals (Art. 143) and**
 - **the possibility to derogate from this requirement (Art. 144)**



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AHL animal health certification derogations - Article 144(1)(a)

Empowerment to adopt delegated acts concerning derogations from the animal health certification requirements for movements of kept terrestrial animals which do not pose a significant risk for the spread of a disease on account of:

- i. the species or categories of the kept terrestrial animals that are being moved and the listed diseases referred to in point (d) of Article 9(1) for which they are listed species;*
- ii. the methods of keeping and the type of production of those species and categories of kept terrestrial animals;*
- iii. the intended use of the kept terrestrial animals; or*
- iv. the place of destination of the kept terrestrial animals; including those cases where their place of destination is in the same Member State as their place of origin but they pass through another Member State in order to reach their place of destination*

Study on intra-EU animal health certification of certain live animals

- The Commission to launch the study
- Framework contract
- Indicative starting date: September 2016
- Duration: 9 months

Aim of the Study (1)

- To support the Commission in the decision-making process:
 - **Assess a baseline scenario as regards certain intra-EU movements of live animals and related certification obligation in EU**
 - **Provide data to substantiate the possibility of derogating from the animal health certification requirements in a given sample of commodities, by estimating:**
 - the scale of such future derogation in terms of volume of live animals, movement patterns
 - the potential economic impact

Aim of the Study (2)

- This study is **not** meant to assess the risks to animal or public health associated with the specified movements.

Focus of the Study

- Movements of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry and horses for direct slaughter
- Movements of day-old chicks

Data collection

- Data to be collected for the periods between 2009 and 2015
- Targeted questionnaires for all EU MSs
- Targeted surveys and/or interviews in specific EU28 regions with a particular high density of cross-border movements of live animals:
 - 3 to 5 Case Studies per animal species, possibly grouped geographically
 - MSs competent authorities
 - Relevant stakeholders

Conclusions

- Study to assist the Commission in the decision-making process
- Economic study - Not risk assessment
- In the frame of Better Regulation
- May be followed by Impact Assessment
- Contribution from stakeholders invited is welcomed

Thank you