



New rules on non-commercial movement of pet animals

Animal Health Advisory Committee

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Context

Current rules laid down in Reg. (EU) No 576/2013

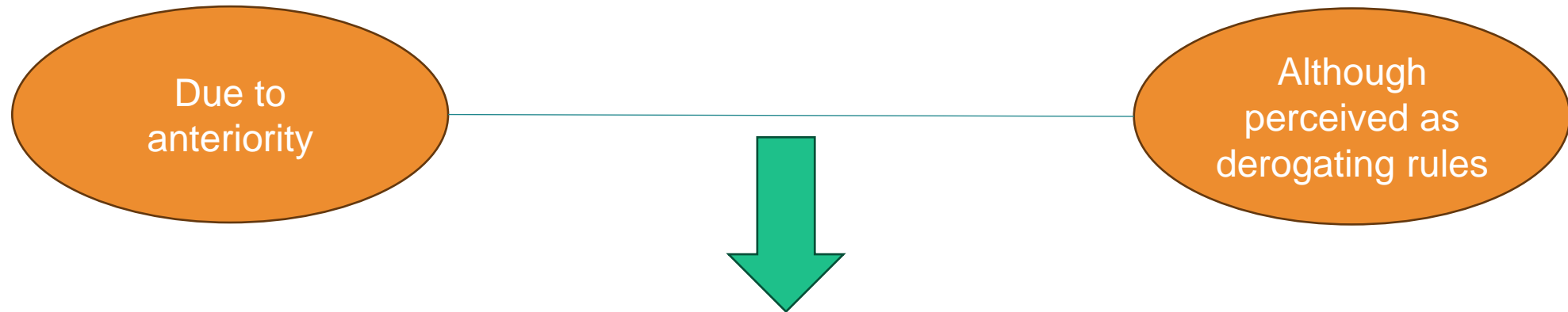
- Repealed by the AHL but application prolonged until 21 April 2026
- To allow the Commission to integrate the current framework under the AHL

⇒ **The Commission is now in front of the latter task**

Singularity of non-commercial movements

- Non-commercial movements are different from standard movements of animals as they:
 - are performed on a private basis by individuals
 - imply the movement of the pet owner
 - are not aimed at transferring the ownership of the animal being moved
- Therefore, animal health rules should:
 - be based on the very specific nature of these movements
 - aim to facilitate such private movements from burdensome mechanisms while ensuring a common and high level of animal and public health protection

Singularity of non-commercial movements



Main animal health rules for standard movements of dogs, cats and ferrets
are made through
crossed references with provision for non-commercial movements

The approach for new rules

- To recast the rules under the AHL framework by **focusing on measures adequately addressing the specific nature of non-commercial movements and providing derogation from the general framework** while ensuring an appropriate level of health protection;
- To reverse the legal structure followed until now and refer to existing relevant Delegated Regulations by (re)incorporating **basic preventive animal health requirements**, in particular for dogs, cats and ferrets, **in such existing acts**, while providing the necessary specificities and facilitations for the non-commercial movements.

The approach for new rules

- To **base the future framework on the system** laid down in Reg. (EU) No 576/2013, which has proved to be sound, proportionate and effective

but also:

- To **use the experience gained** so far in implementing Reg. (EU) No 576/2013 to clarify, simplify, adapt or introduce new provisions

The approach for new rules

- To develop the new rules within the boundaries set up in Part VI AHL
 - for pet animal species most commonly moved
 - taking account of their susceptibility to, or role in the epidemiology of certain important animal diseases
 - = pet dogs, cats and ferrets and pet birds
 - for a limited number of animals in a single movement

The approach for new rules

- To build the new rules around three major pillars
 - compulsory identification
 - for pet dogs, cat and ferrets, with **injectable transponder**
 - for pet birds, with **appropriate identification means**
 - preventive health measures
 - for pet dogs, cat and ferrets, against **rabies and infestation with Em**
 - for pet birds, against **avian influenza**
 - specific identification documents
 - for movement within the EU, with **a pet passport** (pet dogs, cats and ferrets)
 - for movement from third countries, **an animal health certificate**

The approach for new rules

To develop a 'package' of Commission Delegated Acts:

- setting down the specific rules for non-commercial movement
- amending:
 - CDR 2019/2035 as regards identification of dogs, cats and ferrets
 - CDR 2020/688 as regards standard movements in the Union and in particular rules for anti-rabies vaccination and for prevention measures against Em
 - CDR 2020/692 as regards rules for entry into the Union and in particular identification of animals and rules for anti-rabies vaccination, prevention measures for Em and rabies antibody titration testing
 - CDR 2020/689 as regards rules for free status from Em
 - CDR 2019/2122 as regards official controls

Accompanied by necessary Commission Implementing Acts

Next steps

- Expert group meetings: March, May and June 2025
- AHAC meeting: April 2025, and onwards
- Draft available for Public Feedback: July or September 2025
- Finalisation and translation Q4 2025
- Expected adoption by the Commission: Q4 2025
- Publication in official Journal Q4 2025 or Q1 2026

Questions



Thank you



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