



# Revision of the EU legal framework on non-commercial movement of pet animals

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# Context

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

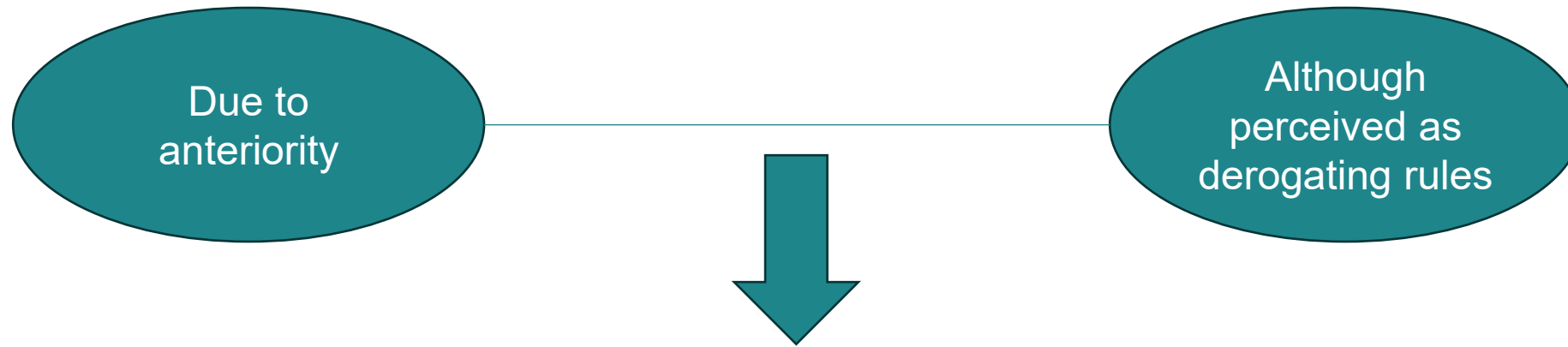
- Repealed by the AHL but application prolonged until 21 April 2026
- To allow the Commission to integrate the current framework under the AHL

⇒ 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

# Proposed approach

Commission intention is to:

- Recast, the rules on non-commercial movement of pet animals while bringing them under the AHL framework by focusing on measures adequately addressing the specific nature of such movements and providing derogation from the general framework while ensuring an appropriate level of health protection;
- reverse the legal structure followed until now and refer to existing relevant Delegated Regulations where basic preventive animal health requirements, in particular for dogs, cats and ferrets, would therefore be (re)incorporated, while providing for the non-commercial movements the necessary specificities and facilitations.

# Proposed approach

Commission intention is to:

- develop the new rules within the boundaries set up in Part VI of the AHL
  - for certain pet animal species already listed in the AHL only,
  - taking account of their susceptibility to, or role in the epidemiology of certain important animal diseases
  - around three major pillars:
    - compulsory identification,
    - preventive health measures
    - specific identification documents

# Proposed approach

Commission intention is to:

- base the future framework on the sound 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

# Preferred option

To develop a single Delegated Act:

- setting down the specific rules for non-commercial movement
- amending in a bundled way:
  - DR 2019/2035 as regards identification of dogs, cats and ferrets
  - DR 2020/688 as regards standard movements in the Union and in particular rules for anti-rabies vaccination and for prevention measures against *Echinococcus multilocularis* (Em)
  - DR 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
  - DR 2020/689 as regards rules for free status from Em



# Next steps

- Internal consultations and drafting: by March 2025
- Expert group meetings: March, May and June 2025
- Finalisation and expected adoption: October 2025

# Thank you



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