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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1480**

**ANIMALS**

**ANIMAL HEALTH**

**The Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997**

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**THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS (TRANSPORT) ORDER 1997**

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PART I — GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND RECEPTACLES FOR ALL MAMMALS AND BIRDS

1. Avoidance of injury and suffering
2. Substantial construction
3. Size
4. Floors
5. Weather and sea conditions
6. Projections and sharp edges
7. Cleanliness
8. Escape-proof
9. Noise and vibration
10. Lighting
11. Use of partitions
12. Design of partitions
13. Special provisions for rail wagons
14. Any rail wagon in which animals are carried shall be—...
15. The inside walls of any rail wagon used for the...
16. Special provisions for transport by water or air
17. Additional provisions for transport by water
18. All parts of a vessel in which animals are accommodated...
19. (1) Enclosed decks of a vessel in which animals are...
20. Where animals are transported by water, there shall be provisions...
21. Where animals are transported in vehicles on board vessels—

PART II — GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF ALL MAMMALS AND BIRDS

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23. Loading and unloading
24. Emergency unloading
25. Segregation of animals and goods
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SCHEDULE 2 —

PART I — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND RECEPTACLES FOR CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, GOATS AND HORSES

1. Size and height
2. Ventilation
3. Inspection of interior of receptacles
4. Special provisions for road vehicles
5. Vehicles shall be equipped, on each floor on which animals...
6. (1) Every ramp which is carried on or forms part...
7. Vehicles (other than vehicles in which animals are being carried...
8. In the case of animals which are normally required to...
9. Approval of receptacles and pens on vessels

PART II — ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, GOATS AND HORSES

10. Loading equipment
11. Internal ramps and means of lifting
12. Tying
13. Animals shall not be tied by the horns, or by...
14. Segregation of animals
15. Restrictions on lifting, dragging and use of force on animals
16. Duties of attendants
17. Special provisions for horses
18. Horses shall not be transported in vehicles with more than...
19. Where they are transported in rail wagons and are not...
20. When transported by water each horse shall be carried in...
21. When transported by water in individual stalls, horses shall be...
22. Special provisions for transport by rail
23. Special provisions for transport by water

SCHEDULE 3 —

PART I — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND RECEPTACLES OF POULTRY AND DOMESTIC BIRDS AND DOMESTIC RABBITS

1. Ventilation
2. Special provisions for receptacles
3. Receptacles in which animals are carried shall be of such...
4. Receptacles in which birds are transported shall be constructed and...
5. Birds shall not be carried in a sack or bag...

PART II — ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF POULTRY AND DOMESTIC BIRDS AND DOMESTIC RABBITS

6. Lifting of birds
7. Tying of birds
8. Segregation of rabbits
9. Segregation of birds
10. In this Schedule “birds” means poultry and domestic birds.

SCHEDULE 4 —

PART I — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND RECEPTACLES FOR DOMESTIC DOGS AND DOMESTIC CATS

1. Ventilation
2. Special provision for receptacles
3. Size and height
4. Special provisions for road vehicles
5. In the case of animals which are normally required to...

PART II — ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF DOMESTIC DOGS AND DOMESTIC CATS

6. Segregation of species
7. Duties of attendants
8. Special provisions for transport by water

SCHEDULE 5 —

PART I — ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND

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RECEPTACLES OF MAMMALS AND BIRDS NOT COVERED  
BY SCHEDULES 2, 3 AND 4

1. Ventilation
2. Size and height
3. Special provision for receptacles
4. Special provisions for road vehicles
5. Vehicles shall be equipped, on each floor on which animals...
6. (1) Every ramp which is carried on or forms part...
7. In the case of the animals which are normally required...  
PART II — ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF  
MAMMALS AND BIRDS NOT COVERED BY SCHEDULES 2, 3  
AND 4
8. Loading equipment
9. Movement from floor to floor
10. Segregation of species
11. Duties of attendants
12. Notice describing animal
13. Special provisions for transport by water
14. Sedation
15. Conditioning of animals
16. Birds in semi-darkness
17. Stacking of receptacles for marine mammals

SCHEDULE 6 — OTHER VERTEBRATE ANIMALS AND COLD-BLOODED  
ANIMALS

SCHEDULE 7 —

PART I — WATERING AND FEEDING INTERVALS, JOURNEY TIMES  
AND RESTING PERIODS FOR CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, GOATS  
AND FOR HORSES (EXCEPT REGISTERED HORSES)

1. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, journey times shall...
2. The maximum journey time in paragraph 1 may be extended...
3. The watering and feeding intervals, journey times and rest periods...
4. At the end of the journey time laid down, animals...
5. Animals must not be transported by train if the maximum...
6. (1) Animals must not be transported by sea if the...
7. In the interests of the animals, the journey times in...  
PART II — ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE  
TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS THROUGH A MARKET WHERE  
DOCUMENTATION IS UNAVAILABLE FOR THE WHOLE  
PERIOD OF THE JOURNEY
8. The provisions in this Part shall apply where a journey...
9. If a person transports from a market animals which he...
10. If a journey to market was not more than 4...
11. The animals to be transported shall have been at market...
12. The journey from the market shall be in a vehicle...
13. Unweaned calves, lambs, kids and foals which are still on...
14. Pigs or horses may be transported for 8 hours from...
15. All other cattle, sheep and goats to which this Schedule...
16. It shall be a defence for a transporter transporting animals...

SCHEDULE 8 — FRAMEWORK OF COMPETENCES

1. Knowledge of which people are responsible for the welfare of...

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2. Understanding of when to seek veterinary help and knowledge of...
3. Knowledge of the powers of enforcement authorities to inspect animals,...
4. Basic knowledge of the authorisation requirements for transporters and when...
5. Knowledge of how to plan a journey (taking into account...
6. Understanding of when a route plan or documentation are required...
7. Knowledge of vehicle construction and use requirements in current welfare...
8. Ability to load, operate and control a vehicle safely, efficiently...
9. Knowledge of the appropriate methods of handling animals during loading...
10. Knowledge of the specific requirements of the Order relating to...
11. Knowledge of stocking densities (effects of overcrowding and understocking) and...
12. Understanding of the importance for animal welfare of temperature, both...
13. Ability to clean and disinfect vehicles and knowledge of when...
14. Elementary knowledge of the causes of stress in animals; ability...
15. Ability to care for animals which become unfit or injured...

#### SCHEDULE 9 — PROVISIONS RELATING TO AUTHORISATIONS

1. Specific and general authorisations
2. Authorisation holder to be a fit person
3. Suspension and revocation
4. Written representations
5. Appointed persons
6. Interpretation
7. Duty to notify changes

#### SCHEDULE 10 — FORM OF UNDERTAKING

#### SCHEDULE 11 — INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED ON THE ROUTE PLAN

##### SECTION 1—

###### *INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE JOURNEY*

1. Name, full address, business name, telephone number and fax number...
2. Number and species of animals to be transported.
3. Health certificate number(s).
4. Number of the transporter's authorisation (if any).
5. Registration number of the vehicles to be used, and the...
6. Name of the person(s) in charge of the transport during...
7. Place where the animals are to be first loaded, and...
8. Planned date and time of departure.
9. Full itemised itinerary of the journey.
10. Full address of the final destination.
11. Estimated date and time of arrival at the final destination...

##### SECTION 2—

###### *INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED DURING THE JOURNEY*

12. Actual date and time of loading the first animal.
13. Actual time of departure from the place of loading.

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14. Full itemised itinerary of the journey.
15. Actual date and time of arrival at the final destination...

SCHEDULE 12 — REVOCATIONS AND DISAPPLICATION  
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