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Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997

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**WELFARE OF ANIMALS (TRANSPORT)
ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1997**

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SCHEDULE

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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 and height
4. Floors
5. Weather and sea conditions
6. Projections and sharp edges
7. Cleanliness
8. Escape-proof
9. Noise and vibration
10. Lighting
11. Electrical fittings
12. Use of partitions
13. Design of partitions
14. Special provisions for rail wagons
15. Any rail wagon in which animals are carried shall be—...
16. The inside walls of any rail wagon used for the...
17. Special provisions for transport by water or air
18. Additional provisions for transport by water
19. All parts of a vessel in which animals are accommodated...
20. (1) Enclosed decks in which animals are transported (whether in...
21. Where animals are transported by water, there shall be provision...
22. 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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26. Segregation of animals and goods
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SCHEDULE

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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 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 requirements 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
24. Sheep which have recently been shorn shall not be transported...

SCHEDULE

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Part I — Additional requirements for the construction and maintenance of means of transport and receptacles for 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 poultry and domestic birds are transported shall...
5. Poultry and domestic birds shall not be carried in a...

Part II — Additional requirements for the transport of poultry and domestic birds and domestic rabbits

6. Lifting of poultry and domestic birds
7. Tying of poultry and domestic birds
8. Segregation of rabbits
9. Segregation of poultry and domestic birds

SCHEDULE

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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 vehicles
5. In the case of animals which are normally required to...

Part II — Additional requirements 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

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Part I — Additional requirements for the construction and maintenance of means of transport and receptacles of mammals and birds not covered by Schedules 2, 3 and 4

1. Ventilation
2. Size and height
3. Special provisions for receptacles
4. Special provisions for vehicles
5. Vehicles shall be equipped, on each floor on which the...
6. (1) Every ramp which is carried on or forms part...
7. In the case of animals which are normally required to...

Part II — Additional requirements 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 an animal
13. Special provision for transport by water
14. Sedation
15. Conditioning of animals
16. Birds in semi-darkness
17. Stacking of receptacles for marine mammals

SCHEDULE Other vertebrate animals and cold-blooded animals

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Other vertebrate animals and cold-blooded animals shall be transported in...

SCHEDULE

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Part I — Watering and feeding intervals, journey times and resting periods for horses (except registered horses), cattle, sheep, pigs and goats

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 shall not be transported by rail if the maximum...
6. (a) Animals shall not be transported by sea if the...
7. In the interest 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. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), this Part shall apply in...
9. If a person transports from a market animals which he...
10. When animals are transported from a market, a person shall...
11. The animals to be transported shall have been at market...
12. Any journey of more than 4 hours from the market...
13. In the case of unweaned calves, lambs, kids and foals...
14. In the case of pigs or horses, they may be...
15. In the case of all other cattle, sheep and goats...
16. It shall be a defence for a transporter transporting animals...

SCHEDULE Knowledge and ability to be possessed by a “competent person”

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1. Knowledge of which persons are responsible for the welfare of...
2. Understanding of when to seek veterinary help and knowledge of...
3. Elementary knowledge of the causes of stress and distress in...
4. Knowledge of, and ability to utilise, the appropriate methods of...
5. Knowledge of stocking densities (effects of overcrowding and understocking) and...
6. Understanding of the significance for animal welfare of temperature, both...
7. Knowledge of the specific requirements of this Order relating to...
8. Knowledge of the vehicle construction and use requirements in current...
9. Ability to care for animals which become unfit or injured...
10. Ability to clean and disinfect vehicles and knowledge of when...
11. Ability to plan a journey (taking into account such factors...

12. Understanding when documentation required in accordance with Article 14 or...
13. Basic knowledge of the licensing requirements for transporters and when...
14. Ability to load, operate and control a vehicle safely, efficiently...
15. Knowledge of the powers of enforcement authorities to inspect animals,...

SCHEDULE Provisions relating to licences

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1. Specific and general licences
2. Licence holder to be a fit person
3. Suspension and revocation
4. Written representations to the Department
5. Appointed persons
6. Duty to notify changes
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SCHEDULE Information to be Provided on the Route Plan

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

SCHEDULE Form of undertaking

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SCHEDULE Revocations

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The following Orders are hereby revoked: Title Number The Transit...
Explanatory Note