
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 3249

The Welfare of Animals during Transport Order 1994

General provisions on the protection of animals

3.—(1) No person shall cause or permit an animal to be transported in a way which causes or is likely to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to the animal.

(2) No person shall cause or permit the transport of an animal that is unfit by reason of it being a new-born, diseased, infirm, ill, injured or fatigued or having given birth within the preceding 48 hours or being likely to give birth during transport or for any other reason.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) above, a bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine or equine animal may be transported to the nearest available place for veterinary treatment or to the nearest available place of slaughter if the animal is not likely to be subject to unnecessary suffering by reason of its unfitness, but such an animal may not be dragged or pushed by any means, or lifted by a mechanical device, unless this is done in the presence of and under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon who is arranging for it to be transported with all practicable speed to a place for veterinary treatment.

(4) No person shall cause or permit a cervine animal in velvet to be transported unless the journey is of 50 km or less and special precautions are taken to protect it from injury and unnecessary suffering.

(5) Nothing in this article shall apply to any act lawfully done under the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986⁽¹⁾.