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Genética

- porcino y clones

Ontogenia

- cerdos, alojamientos, ovino

Fisiología

- aves, bovino, porcino

Psicología

- visón, bovino

Ecología del comportamiento

- rumiantes

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Seguridad Alimentaria: de la Granja a la mesa

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Misión general

La finalidad del **enfoque comunitario integrado de la seguridad alimentaria** es garantizar un elevado nivel de **seguridad alimentaria, salud animal, bienestar animal y fitosanidad** en el interior de la Unión Europea gracias a la aplicación de **medidas coherentes «de la granja a la mesa»** y un **seguimiento adecuado**, al tiempo que se asegura el **funcionamiento efectivo del mercado interior**. [Más...](#)

News

Work Programme on TSE

The Commission's **Work Programme on TSE** outlines the legislative actions related to TSEs which the Commission has planned for 2006-2007. These actions will be based on scientific and public health considerations. The Work Programme takes into account the comments received from Member States, the European Parliament and stakeholders during an extensive consultation following the adoption of the TSE Roadmap in July 2005.

[Read more](#)

Animal Welfare - Cat and Dog Fur

Proposal
Cat and dog fur: Commission proposes total EU ban
Questions and Answers on the proposal to ban cat and dog fur in the EU

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Better Training for Safer Food

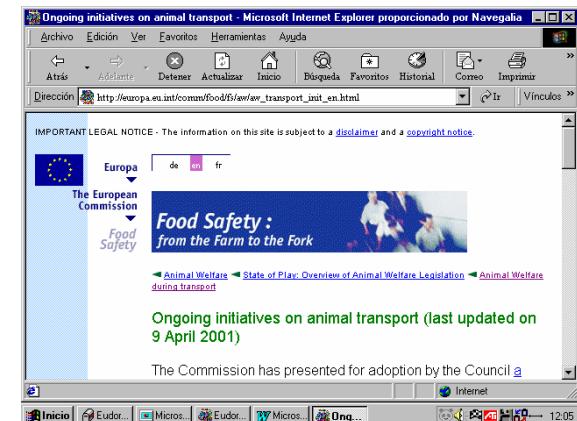


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- European Convention for the Protection of Animals 1968
- Directiva 91/628/EC
- Real Decreto 27 Junio 1997

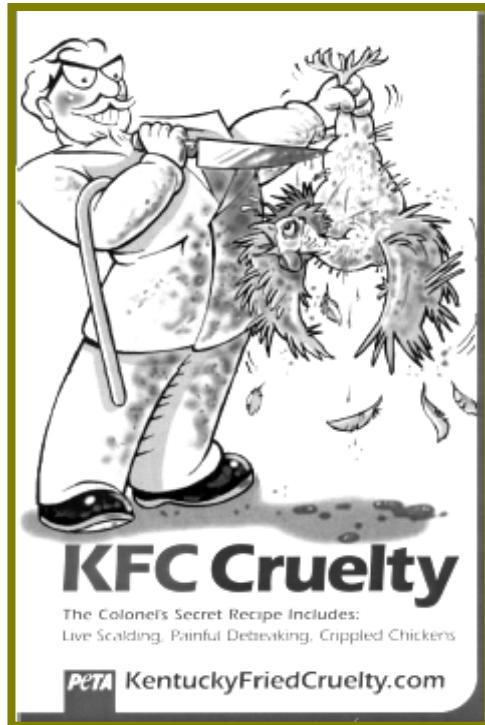


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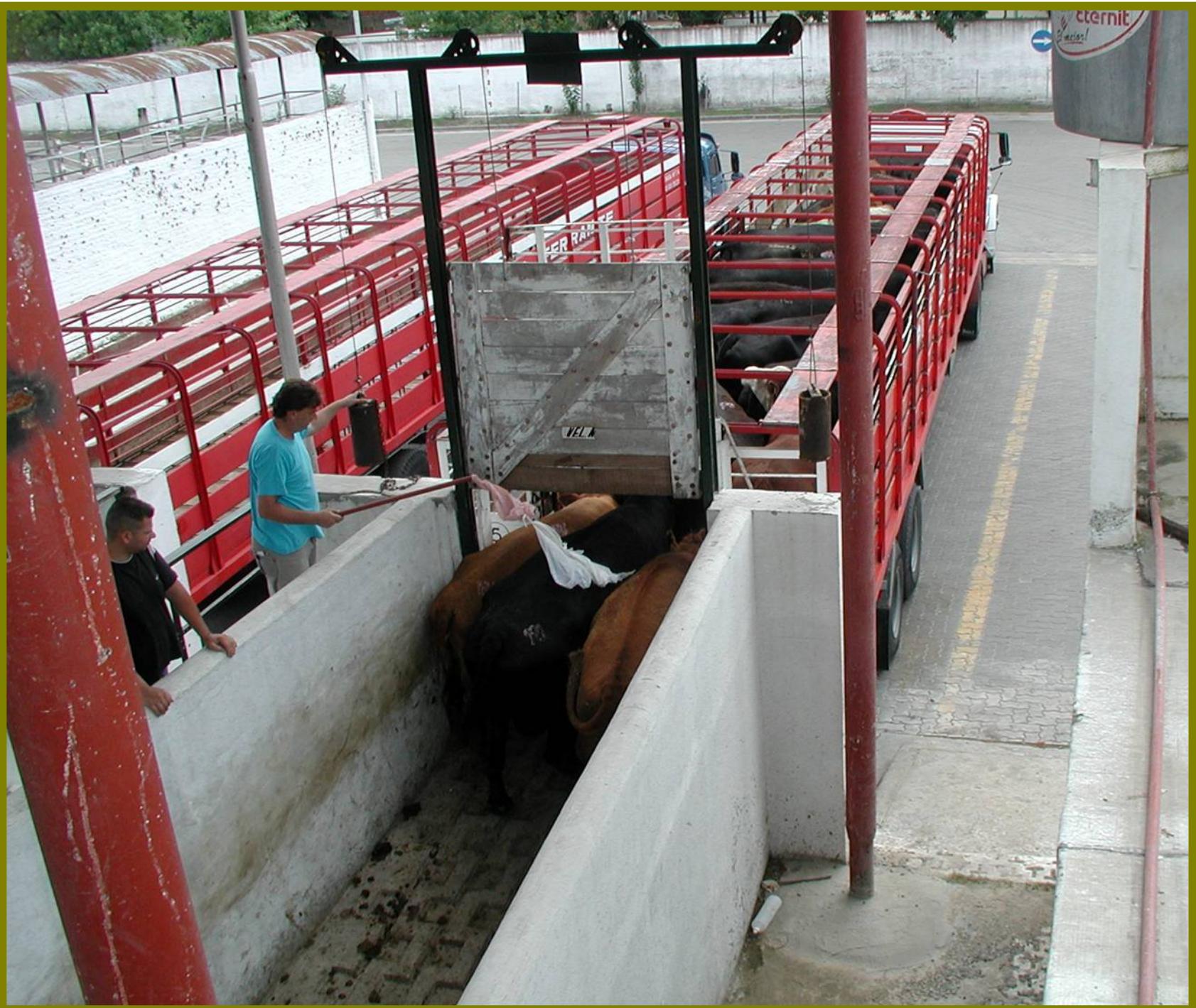




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Animal Welfare for Farmed Animals

Main elements of the “acquis”

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Acquis

The French term *acquis* (or sometimes *acquis communautaire*) is used in European Union law to refer to the total body of EU law accumulated so far.

The term is also used to describe laws adopted under the Schengen treaty, prior to its integration into the European Union legal order by the Treaty of Amsterdam, in which case one speaks of the *Schengen acquis*.



Introduction

- ➔ Enshrined in the Treaty
 - ➔ Animals are “sentient beings”
- ➔ Growing public concern
- ➔ Scientifically based
- ➔ International development



Main elements of the EU legislation

- Wild and experimental animals: *DG Environment*
- Farmed animals: *DG Health and Consumer Protection*
 - Keeping of animals on farm
 - Transport
 - Slaughter and Killing



Keeping of Animals on Farm

- ➔ Minimum standards (vs. Full harmonisation)
- ➔ Umbrella Directive 98/58/EC
- ➔ 3 Specific Directives
 - ➔ Protection of calves (Directive 91/629/EC)
 - ➔ Protection of laying hens (Directive 1999/74/EEC)
 - ➔ Protection of pigs (Directive 91/630/EEC)



On Farm: Directive 98/58/EC

- Based on the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes
- Five Freedoms
 - from hunger and thirst
 - from discomfort
 - from pain, injury and disease
 - to express normal behaviour
 - from fear and distress



On Farm: Calves (Dir. 91/629)

→ Housing:

- No individual pen for calves > 8 weeks of age
- Perforated walls for individual pens and minimum size
- Minimum space allowances for group housing



On Farm: Calves (Dir. 91/629)

→ Management:

- Not permanently in darkness
- No to be tethered (with very limited exceptions) or muzzled
- Sufficient iron in the diet (Hb 4.5 mmol/l)
- Sufficient fibrous food for calves > 2 weeks of age



On Farm: Laying hens (Dir. **99/74**) Egg labelling Reg. 2002/4)



→ Unenriched cages

→ 550 cm²/hen but banned from 2003 to 2012

→ Enriched cages

→ 750 cm²/hen + nest + perch+ litter + etc.

→ Alternative systems (barn / free range)

→ 9 hens/m² +many other technical specifications



On Farm: Pigs (Dir. 91/630)

→ Housing:

- Minimum space allowances for all pig categories
- Standards for concrete slatted floors
- No tethering for sows and gilts (from 2006)
- Ban of individual stalls for dry sows (from 2003 to 2013)



On Farm: Pigs (Dir. 91/630)

→ Management:

- Compulsory training for the farmer
- Manipulable materials for all pigs (straw or alike)
- No routine mutilation (tail docking or teeth clipping)
- Castration > 7 days of age by vet only
- Minimum weaning age of 28 days of age



Transport (Reg. 1/2005)

- ➔ Directly applicable from January 2007
- ➔ The overall chain of transport
 - ➔ farmers, assembly centres, transporters and slaughterhouses
- ➔ Detailed provisions for the main livestock species
- ➔ Focus on long journeys i.e. > 8 hours



Transport (Reg. 1/2005)

- **Administrative provisions**
 - Transporters: authorisation + Electronic database
 - Drivers: Certificate of competence
 - Road vehicles (long journeys only) and livestock vessels: Certificate of approval + Electronic database
 - Cross-borders long journeys: journey log



Transport (Reg. 1/2005)

→ Basic technical rules

- Fitness for transport (young and fragile animals)
- Means of transport
- Loading/unloading/handling: facilities and practices
- Space allowances (equidae, domestic ruminants, pigs)



Transport (Reg. 1/2005)

- Additional rules for long journeys
 - Road vehicles
 - Mechanical ventilation + drinking equipment
 - Monitoring/recording/warning system for temperatures
 - Navigation system from 2007 to 2009
 - Livestock vessels



Transport (Reg. 1/2005)

- Journeys times and resting periods (if > 8 hours)
 - Domestic ruminants, equidae and pigs
 - Maximum travelling times for road journeys
 - Minimum resting time 24 hours in a staging point
 - Specific provisions for ferries



Slaughter & Killing (Dir. 93/119)

- Any killing of productive animals
 - Slaughter for human consumption
 - Killing for disease control and other reasons
- Excluded
 - experimental purposes, sporting events or legal hunting



Slaughter & Killing (Dir. 93/119)

- Slaughterhouses
- Lairage facilities and handling of animals
- Restraining/stunning/bleeding
- Ritual slaughter
- Design and maintenance of equipments
- Staff competence



Slaughter & Killing (Dir. 93/119)

→ At lairage

- Proper design to avoid injury
- Sorting and separate animals at arrival
- Proper handling
- Feed if > 12 hours



Slaughter & Killing (Dir. 93/119)

- Restraining system
- Positive list of authorised methods (need to be updated)
- Bleeding (only one carotid)



Slaughter & Killing (Dir. 93/119)

→ Outside slaughterhouses

→ Possible derogation for personal consumption but stunning compulsory for small ruminants and pigs

→ General provisions for disease control

→ Fur animals (positive list)

→ Surplus chicks in hatchery



Conclusion

- Farmed animals: housing conditions prevail but evolution towards better management (indicators based)
- Transport: New legislation introducing new technology (better training / better enforcement)
- Slaughter and killing: facing new challenges and public concerns (disease control)



Conclusion (2)

→ Community Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals

- Upgrading existing standards
- Introducing animal welfare indicators
- Promoting animal protection and welfare
- Further international initiatives



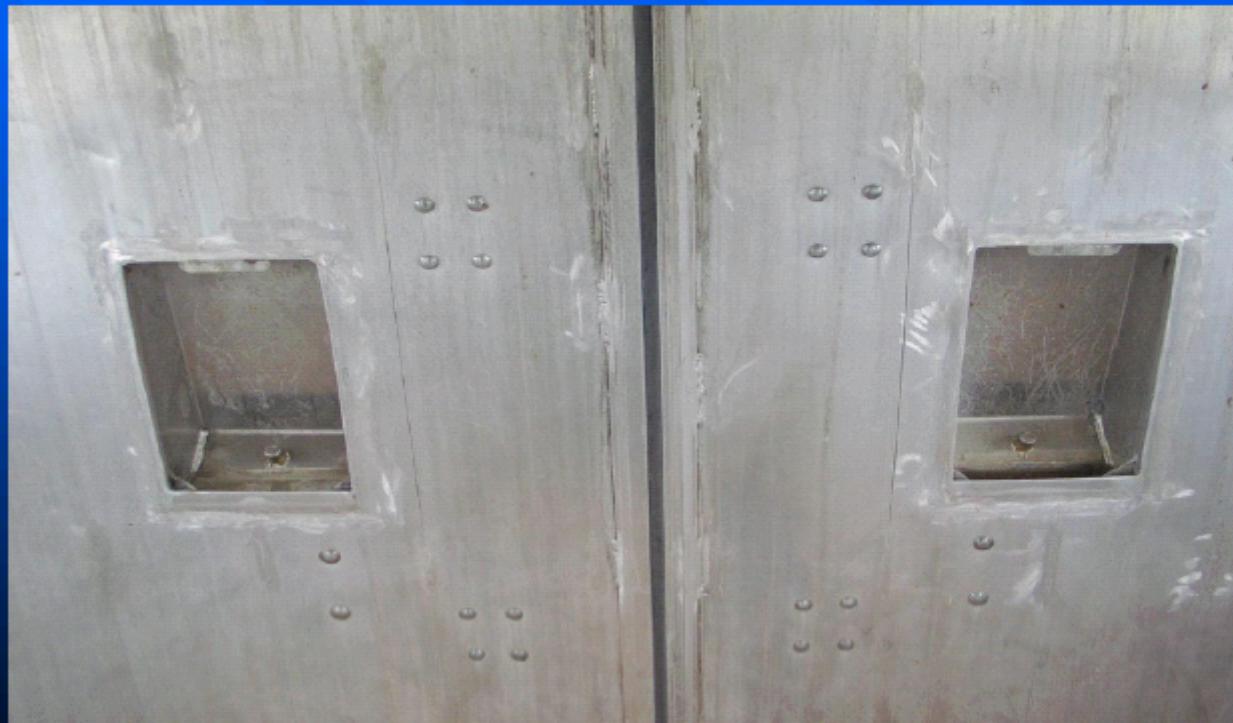
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- For more details consult our website:
- http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/animal/welfare/index_en.htm
- Ongoing initiatives and legislative references
- Links to EFSA and OIE websites

Livestock truck: 1995 norms
200,000 €



Livestock truck: 16 drinking troughs
i.e. 2 per compartment



Livestock truck: airing and ventilation



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A livestock vessel :BECRUX
Cattle :15 000 heads



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