



THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE & FOOD  
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To the Person Named in the Address

**Re: Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals  
during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC  
and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97**

Dear Sir/Madam

Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 was adopted by the Council of Agricultural Ministers on 22 December 2004.

Enclosed for your information is a Paper that outlines the main requirements of the Regulation. The Regulation will come into force from 5 January 2007 and will apply to the transport of live vertebrate animals, including cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and horses. The Regulation can be viewed at the Department of Agriculture and Food website at the “What’s New” section of [www.agriculture.gov.ie](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie).

The Paper sets out who will be affected by the Regulation and what they must do in order to be compliant with the legislation. The Department is currently preparing for its role in implementing the Regulation i.e. development of systems, training courses and training providers etc.

Article 1(5) of the Regulation states that it will “not apply to the transport of animals which does not take place in connection with an economic activity...”. The Department is of the view that most transport categories will be relatively simple to categorise but certain areas that will not be covered by the new rules may need to be specified. The Department considers that the transport of animals to and from agricultural shows and gymkhanas does not constitute an economic activity and such activities should be excluded from the obligations of the new Regulation.

The Department invites all interested parties to submit their views in regard to the new rules and, in particular, any further specific areas that they may consider as not constituting an economic activity for the purposes of the Regulation. The closing date for receipt of submissions is 31 October 2005. Submissions should be addressed to Mr Seamus Monaghan, Department of Agriculture and Food, National Beef Assurance Division (Transport Section), Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. E-mail address: [seamus.monaghan@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:seamus.monaghan@agriculture.gov.ie).

All submissions received by the Department will be given due consideration.

Yours sincerely

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