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Explanatory meeting on the EU acquis

— dog and cat movement —

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4 types of movement - legal bases

Intra-Union trade	Imports
Non-commercial movement into a Member State from another Member State	Non-commercial movement into a Member State from a territory or a third country

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/index_en.htm

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Legal bases

- **Intra-Union trade and imports (INTRA)**
  - Council Directive 92/65/EEC (as last amended by Directive 2013/31/EU of EP and Council)
  - CID 2013/519/EU (list of authorised third countries and model of animal health certificate) – soon repealed and replaced

- **Non-commercial movement (DOCOM):**
  - dog accompanying its owner when its owner moves across EU borders = pet animal (no transfer of ownership, no sale, maximum number + derogations from that number, 5 day-rule)
  - Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 of EP and Council
  - CIR(EU) No 577/2013 (model of passport/animal health certificate + list of third countries from where the titration is not required + model of declarations)

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INTRA-UNION trade (1)

- **Article 4 of Directive 92/65/EEC**: registered holdings or businesses
- **Article 10 of Directive 92/65/EEC**: animal health requirements, partly referring to Regulation (EU) No 576/2013
  - Microchipped
  - Vaccinated against rabies (authorised veterinarian)
  - *Echinococcus* treatment, where applicable (DR 2018/772-IA 2018/878)
  - Clinical examination 48h prior to dispatch
  - Individual EU passports documenting above requirements (issued by authorised veterinarian)
  - Animal health certificate (Annex E to Dir 92/65/EEC - CID 2013/518/EU) issued by official veterinarian for each consignment
  - Notification of movements to MSs of destination (TRACES)
- **Regulation (EC) No 1/2005** on protection of animals during transport

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Intra-Union trade (2)

- Derogation from the anti-rabies vaccination requirement for "young dogs":
  - less than 12 weeks old and not vaccinated or between 12 and 16 weeks old, vaccinated but not yet protected
  - at the discretion of MSs
  - obligation to make MSs' decision public

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/young_animals_en.htm

- Derogation from the anti-rabies vaccination requirement if destined for a body, institute or centre approved in accordance with Annex C to Directive 92/65/EEC

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Veterinary checks under intra-Union trade rules (Directive 90/425/EEC)

- **Obligation at origin**: MS of dispatch shall ensure that animals subject to trade satisfy applicable requirements and inform MS of destination (TRACES)

- **Obligation at destination:**
  - MS of destination may carry out non-discriminatory veterinary (documentary and identity) spot checks to verify compliance with applicable requirements (where necessaryphysical checks: may take samples - action in case of non-compliance) - no longer carried out at frontiers
  - during the transport of animals in its territory: MS of transit or of destination may also carry out checks where it has information leading it to suspect an infringement.

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Imports

- Obligation to come from an authorised country ('pet' list, 'ungulates meat' list or 'live equidae' list)
- Obligation to come from a registered holding or business
- Vaccination against rabies by authorised veterinarian on an identified animal (derogation only if destined for approved bodies and come from a country on the 'pet' list)
- Titration test performed in an approved lab on animals coming from 'ungulates meat' list or 'live equidae' list

(http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval_en.htm)

- Clinical examination 48h prior to dispatch
- Certificate issued for each consignment by an official veterinarian and based on supporting documentation (regarding above requirements)
- Entry through a BIP with one working days notice to vet staff

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Veterinary checks under import rules (Directive 91/496/EEC)

- **Checks at BIP**
  - under the responsibility of an official veterinarian
  - CVEDA for prior notification by operator and completed prior to release and free movement within EU.
  - Close working with customs: no release without prior consent from BIP vet
- documentary check: verification of the animal health certificate or documents accompanying an animal
- identity check: verification, by visual inspection only, for consistency between document and animal
- physical check: check of the animal itself, possibly including sampling and laboratory testing.

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Non-commercial movement into a Member State from another

- Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 576/2013
  - Microchipped
  - Vaccinated against rabies (authorised veterinarian)
  - *Echinococcus* treatment, where applicable
  - EU passport documenting above information and issued by authorised veterinarian
- Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 576/2013

  Derogation from the vaccination requirement for "young dogs": at the discretion of MSs, obligation to make decision public

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/young_animals_en.htm

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Non-commercial movement into a Member State from a territory or a third country

Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No 576/2013

- Microchipped
- Vaccination against rabies by authorised veterinarian (derogation from vaccination for young animals at the discretion of Member States)
- *Echinococcus* treatment, where applicable
- Titration test performed in an approved lab on animals coming from third countries not listed in Annex II to CIR (EU) No 577/2013

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/approval_en.htm

- Certificate issued by an offical veterinarian based on supporting documentation (or passport for certain listed third countries)
- Entry through designated travellers' point of entry (TPE) or by derogation, other places for registered military or search-and-rescue dogs.

http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/pointsentry_en.htm

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Checks on pets

- **Compliance checks** (availability of readers)
  - non-discriminatory documentary and identity checks at borders for movement between MSs
  - 100% documentary and identity checks at TPEs for movement from non-EU countries full responsibility of the owner (records to keep on the total number of checks and instances of non-compliance, documentation of checks in certificate)
  - action in case of non-compliance
    - return to country of dispatch
    - isolation under official control
    - euthanasia

    at the expenses of the owner and without financial compensation for the owner
- **Rules to be laid down on penalties applicable to infringements of the Pet regulation -** effective, proportionate, dissuasive

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Obligations for Member States under Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 (1)

- **Information of the public**
  - applicable EU animal health requirements (including penalties)
  - MSs' decision on entry of "young animals", on dangerous breeds,…
  - required tool: national internet-based information pages displayed at http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/nat_rules_dogscatferret_en.htm
  - *At strategic points*
    - *videos at vet clinics or entry points (Spanish initiative) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z66mhpo5OQg*
    - *posters/banners at travellers' points of entry (ports, airports …) http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/animalproducts/personal_imports/pets_posters_en.htm*

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Obligations for Member States under Regulation (EU) No 576/2013 (2)

- **Training of authorised veterinarians**

- **Distribution of blank passports**
  - only to authorised veterinarians;
  - records
    - name and contact information of authorised veterinarians together with reference to the passport number
    - to be kept for not less than 3 years (determined by CA).

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Commission' assistance

- Review of DG for Health and Food Safety (SANTE) website http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/index_en.htm

- Posters made available to Member States, aiming at raising awareness of the public at strategic entry points
- EUROPE DIRECT Contact Centre http://europa.eu
- Member States' national websites http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/liveanimals/pets/nat_rules_et_en.htm

- Training of EU and TC officials in the framework of the BTSF Commission initiative since December 2013 (training for trainers -dissemination of information, including training of authorised veterinarians)
- Sharing experience and intelligence amongst competent authorities (AAC-OCR)

Thank you for your attention

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