



New rules on non-commercial movement of pet animals

Animal Health Advisory Committee

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Context

Current rules laid down in Reg. (EU) No 576/2013

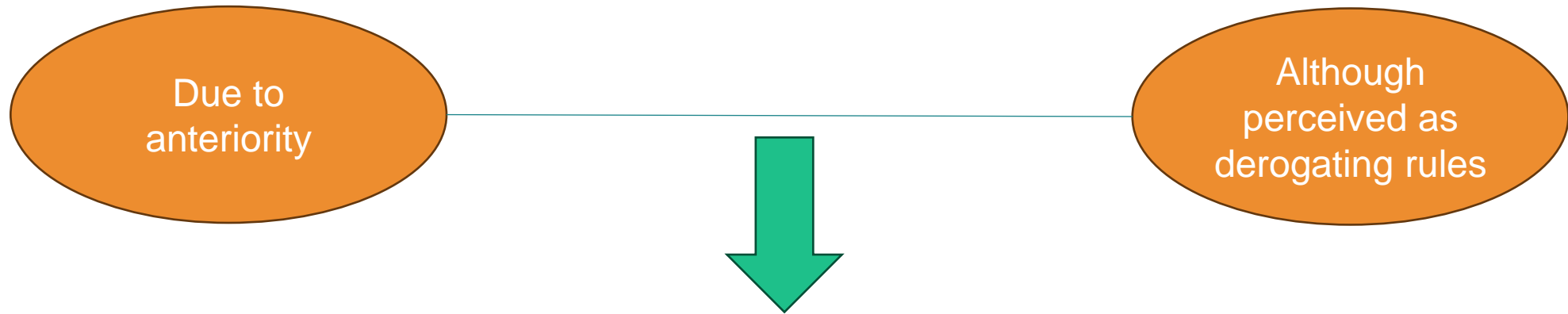
- Repealed by the AHL but application prolonged until 21 April 2026
- To allow the Commission to integrate the current framework under the AHL

⇒ **The Commission is now in front of the latter task**

Singularity of non-commercial movements

- Non-commercial movements are different from standard movements of animals as they:
 - are performed on a private basis by individuals
 - imply the movement of the pet owner
 - are not aimed at transferring the ownership of the animal being moved
- Therefore, animal health rules should:
 - be based on the very specific nature of these movements
 - aim to facilitate such private movements from burdensome mechanisms while ensuring a common and high level of animal and public health protection

Singularity of non-commercial movements



Main animal health rules for standard movements of dogs, cats and ferrets
are made through
crossed references with provision for non-commercial movements

The approach for new rules

- To recast the rules under the AHL framework by focusing on measures adequately addressing the specific nature of non-commercial movements and providing derogation from the general framework while ensuring an appropriate level of health protection;
- To reverse the legal structure followed until now and refer to existing relevant Delegated Regulations by (re)incorporating basic preventive animal health requirements, in particular for dogs, cats and ferrets, in such existing acts, while providing the necessary specificities and facilitations for the non-commercial movements.

The approach for new rules

- To **base the future framework on the system** laid down in Reg. (EU) No 576/2013, which has proved to be sound, proportionate and effective
but also:
- To **use the experience gained** so far in implementing Reg. (EU) No 576/2013 to clarify, simplify, adapt or introduce new provisions

The approach for new rules

- To develop the new rules within the boundaries set up in Part VI AHL
 - for pet animal species most commonly moved
 - taking account of their susceptibility to, or role in the epidemiology of certain important animal diseases
 - = pet dogs, cats and ferrets and pet birds
 - for a limited number of animals in a single movement

The approach for new rules

- To build the new rules around three major pillars
 - compulsory identification
 - for pet dogs, cat and ferrets, with **injectable transponder**
 - for pet birds, with **appropriate identification means**
 - preventive health measures
 - for pet dogs, cat and ferrets, against **rabies and infestation with Em**
 - for pet birds, against **avian influenza**
 - specific identification documents
 - for movement within the EU, with **a pet passport** (pet dogs, cats and ferrets)
 - for movement from third countries, **an animal health certificate**

The approach for new rules

To develop a 'package' of Commission Delegated Acts:

- setting down the specific rules for non-commercial movement
- amending:
 - CDR 2019/2035 as regards identification of dogs, cats and ferrets
 - CDR 2020/688 as regards standard movements in the Union and in particular rules for anti-rabies vaccination and for prevention measures against Em
 - CDR 2020/692 as regards rules for entry into the Union and in particular identification of animals and rules for anti-rabies vaccination, prevention measures for Em and rabies antibody titration testing
 - CDR 2020/689 as regards rules for free status from Em
 - CDR 2019/2122 as regards official controls

Accompanied by necessary Commission Implementing Acts

Next steps

- Expert group meetings: March, May and June 2025
- AHAC meeting: April 2025, and onwards
- Draft available for Public Feedback: July or September 2025
- Finalisation and translation Q4 2025
- Expected adoption by the Commission: Q4 2025
- Publication in official Journal Q4 2025 or Q1 2026

Questions



Thank you



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