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# DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Petitions

for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

on the implementation report as regards Regulation 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport within and outside the EU  
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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Petitions calls on the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Highlights the fact that the Committee on Petitions receives a very large number of petitions on animal welfare during transport, which frequently denounce systematic, continuous and serious violations of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 by both Member States and transporters;
2. Condemns this situation and considers it unacceptable that, 13 years after the entry into force of the regulation, animals are still transported in awful conditions in inadequate and overcrowded means of transport, which causes undue animal suffering and poses serious health risks to both animal and human health;
3. Calls on all Member States to ensure that journeys are planned and executed, from departure to destination, in line with EU animal welfare requirements, particularly in the case of extreme weather conditions, taking into account the different means of transport and the range of geographical conditions across the EU and third countries;
4. Reiterates its call for the transport time of animals destined for slaughter to be limited to eight hours, with due consideration for loading and unloading times, and waiting times at borders; takes the view that many of the severe problems related to the lengthy transport of live animals, in particular from the EU to third countries, would be solved by a shift to the transport of meat or carcasses;
5. Strongly deplores the uneven and poor enforcement of the regulation in many Member States, which are failing to effectively and uniformly monitor and sanction persistent violations of EU law, thereby allowing some transporters to operate illegally; calls on the Commission, in view of the lack of harmonisation of controls and sanctions across the Member States, to consider revising the current provisions in order to ensure that effective and dissuasive sanctioning mechanisms are uniformly introduced and imposed across the EU;
6. Deplores the fact that compliance with the regulation in the case of transport outside the EU is still poor, despite the Court of Justice's rulings requiring transporters to abide by its provisions for the entire duration of journeys with destinations in third countries; urges the Commission and the Member States to set up coherent data collection systems on the number of animals arriving alive, sick or injured at the point of destination in third countries, on the inspections actually carried out, and on the authorisations of transporters and means of transport;
7. Urgently calls on the Commission, in the light of these systematic enforcement issues, to establish effective monitoring of the compliance with the regulation at all levels in all Member States, to immediately launch the necessary investigations into possible breaches of the regulation, and to open infringement procedures against the Member States responsible, where appropriate.