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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

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 the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety 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. Notes that Regulation 1/2005¹ has had a positive impact on the welfare of animals during transport; welcomes the Commission's guidelines on the subject, but notes that severe problems still persist; observes that enforcement of the regulation would appear to be the primary concern of those involved in its implementation;
2. Insists that the transport time of animals destined for slaughter be limited to eight hours, taking account of transport conditions and loading time, irrespective of whether this takes place on land or at sea;
3. Deplores the often lengthy delays at borders and the increased pain and distress for animals that they cause; calls on the Member States and the Commission to improve this situation;
4. Notes that enforcement is particularly difficult when different Member States are responsible for approving journey logs; calls on all those Member States which discover breaches to notify the other Member States involved, as required by Regulation 1/2005;
5. Stresses that the total number of checks carried out by national competent authorities pursuant to Regulation 1/2005 has fallen, despite the number of consignments in the EU containing live animals having increased; calls on the Member States to ensure adequate controls for live animal transport;
6. Calls on the Member States and transporters to strictly abide by the Court of Justice's ruling which concluded that Regulation 1/2005 should apply to cases of exports to non-EU countries²; calls on the Member States to carry out further controls;
7. Urges the Commission to offer incentives to farmers to slaughter their animals at the nearest slaughter facility in order to prevent lengthy animal transportation times; calls on the Commission to present innovative solutions in this regard;
8. Recognises that many livestock vessels should not have been approved as they are not fit to carry animals; calls on the Member States not to approve or renew the approval of livestock vessels that do not meet the requirements of Regulation 1/2005;
9. Urges the Commission, together with the Member States, to align sanction levels in the case of breaches, as these can be more than 10 times higher in some Member States than in others.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 of 22 December 2004 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 (OJ 3, 5.1.2005, p. 1).

² Judgement of the Court of Justice of 23 April 2015, Zuchtvieh-Export GmbH v Stadt Kempten, C-424/13, ECLI:EU:C:2015:259.

