The current Animal Transport Regulation\(^1\) includes general provisions to ensure principles, which are already applicable for the protection of fish during transport.

The Commission committed under the Farm to Fork Strategy to revise, by 2023, the EU animal welfare legislation.

An Inception Impact Assessment roadmap\(^2\) has been published and an open public consultation was conducted to prepare this legislative revision.

Based on the recommendations adopted by the European Parliament for the protection of animals during transport, the results of the public consultation and the ongoing impact assessment, the Commission will consider introducing additional provisions related to fish, which may, among other, include empowerments for future delegated acts to be developed based on scientific opinions, once available.

To this end, the Commission will mandate the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) to gather knowledge on fish welfare during transport and scientific evidence to support such provisions.

In light of the knowledge provided by EFSA the Commission will be then in a position to develop more specific requirements for live fish transport.

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