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Health of Animals Regulations, Part XII
Humane Transportation of Animals
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Part XII Health of Animals Regulations CFIA Transportation of Animals Program

- All animals being transported in Canada:
 - pets, livestock and exotic animals
- All modes of transport :
 - land, air and sea
- Any person responsible for transporting animals



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Surveillance, targeted inspections, enforcement, training, tracking

CFIA enforces the regulations with assistance


- CBSA
- Provincial police
- RCMP
- The *Criminal Code of Canada*



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Why Change? Regulations are 30 years old

- **Lack current context:**
 - Animals are transported more than previously
 - Regulations insufficiently address the needs of all species
 - The science regarding animal physiology, welfare and health has evolved making certain current requirements inadequate





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Why Change?

Modernization will ensure that Canada keeps pace



- Canadian regulations meet all of OIE Standards and exceeds in some
 - Non-ambulatory animals
- However, some areas of the Canadian regulations need improvement
 - Feed / water / rest intervals
 - Loading density
- Standards for the transportation of animals by land and sea have now been established by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
 - Canada's current regulations need to be aligned

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

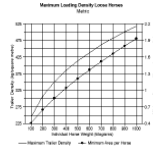
- Banning use of double deck trailers for horse transport
- Provisions for compromised animals
- Protection of animals from injury or sickness
- Clarification of currently ambiguous terms

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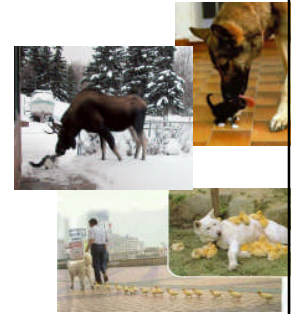
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- Requirements for food and water while in transit
- Minimum space requirements
- Loading and unloading requirements
- Revised provisions for transport by sea



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- Segregation
- Strengthened export certification
- Improve record keeping
- Mandatory training for animal handlers

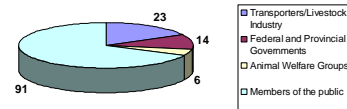


PRE-CONSULTATION

- Notification to all Canadians
 - CFIA web site on April 4, 2006
 - Information sent out to organizations, groups and individuals representing various sectors
- Deadline for final comments
 - originally set for June 30, 2006
 - extended until November 30, 2006
- CFIA staff met with stakeholders, across Canada in 2005 and 2006
- Still receiving and considering incoming comments
- Formal Comment Period will follow publication in Gazette Part I



Classification of the respondents



Explanation: The 134 respondents were assigned to four groups:
 •Transporters and other livestock industry (23 respondents)
 •Federal/provincial governments (14 respondents)
 •Animal welfare groups (6 respondents)
 •Members of the public (91 respondents)

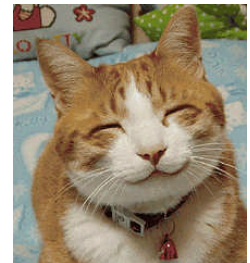
Contentious Issues

- Loading densities
- Feed / Water and Rest (re-defining time periods)
- Outcome based vs. prescriptive based regulations?



Non Contentious Issues

- Updated definitions
- Sea transport
- Compromised animals
- Consistency in enforcement.



Goals

Minimize adverse transportation effects (animal health and welfare)

Link between animal welfare / health / food safety



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Role of Science in Regulatory Amendments

Guided by Science

Scientific certainty exists in some areas

However, societal expectations, economics and political considerations also play a role.



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Proposed Next Steps

Amend the current Health of Animals Regulations, Part XII.

Drafting of the proposed regulations will be based on clear and concise direction.

Gazette 1

Formal Consultation Period

Gazette 2



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QUESTIONS?



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