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**NOTICE TO TRANSPORTERS OF LIVE ANIMALS, DRIVERS AND ATTENDANTS HOLDING
AUTHORISATIONS AND CERTIFICATES PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF
REGULATION (EC) NO 1/2005 ON THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT**

The United Kingdom submitted on 29 March 2017 the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union. This means that unless the withdrawal agreement establishes another date or the period is extended by the European Council in accordance with Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union, all Union primary and secondary law ceases to apply to the United Kingdom from 30 March 2019, 00:00h (CET) ('the withdrawal date'). The United Kingdom will then become a 'third country'.

In view of the considerable uncertainties, in particular concerning the content of a possible withdrawal agreement, all business operators and persons holding transporters authorisations, certificates of approval of means of transport and certificates of competence for drivers and attendants pursuant to the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 *on the protection of animals during transport*¹ (later called "the Regulation"), are reminded of certain legal repercussions stemming from currently applicable rules of Union law when the United Kingdom becomes a third country, which need to be considered.

Transporter authorisations

Transporter authorisations² granted by the competent authorities of the United Kingdom pursuant to Articles 10 or 11 of the Regulation will no longer be valid in the European Union from the moment the United Kingdom becomes a third country.

Transporters who hold such an authorisation and want to continue their professional activities in the European Union will have to apply for a new authorisation with an EU-27 Member State.

Certificates of approval of means of transport

Certificates of approval³ granted by the competent authorities of the United Kingdom pursuant to Articles 18 or 19 of the Regulation will no longer be valid in the European Union from the moment the United Kingdom becomes a third country.

¹ OJ L 3, 5.1.2005, p. 1.

² A transporter authorisation issued by the competent authority is required to transport live animals pursuant to Article 6(1) of the Regulation.

³ A certificate of approval for means of transport issued by the competent authorities is required to transport animals by road over long journeys pursuant to Article 7(1) of the Regulation.

Transporters who want to continue their professional activities in the European Union will have to apply for the relevant certificate of approval with an EU-27 Member State.

Certificates of competence for drivers and attendants

Certificates of competence⁴ granted by the competent authorities of the United Kingdom pursuant to Article 17(2) of the Regulation will no longer be valid from the moment the United Kingdom becomes a third country.

Persons who hold such a certificate of competence and want to continue their professional activities in the European Union will have to apply for a new certificate with an EU-27 Member State.

Transporters are also invited to inform the persons concerned of the need to apply for a new certificate.

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Certificates of approval are also required to transport certain animals by sea in livestock vessels (Domestic Equidae and domestic animals of bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine species) pursuant to Article 7(2) of the Regulation as well as to transport certain animals (Domestic Equidae and domestic animals of bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine species) in containers by road or water for long journeys pursuant to Article 7(3) of the Regulation.

⁴ A certificate of competence issued by the competent authorities (or a body designated by them) is required for persons who drive (or act as an attendant on) road vehicle transport certain animals (Domestic Equidae and domestic animals of bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine species and poultry) pursuant to Article 6 (5) of the Regulation.