



The EU Animal Health Law

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Animal Health Strategy (2007-2013)



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A new Animal Health Strategy for the European Union (2007-2013) where "Prevention is better than cure"



Action plan of the New Animal Health Strategy

Underlying principles: Partnership and Communication

Pillar 1



Defining Priorities

Pillar 2



A Modern Legal Framework

Pillar 3



Prevention and Controls

Pillar 4



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“Prevention is better than cure”

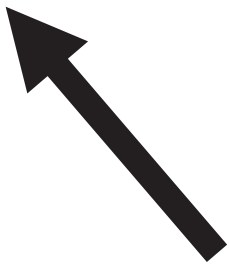


Investment in prevention

Direct and indirect costs

Reactive
“cure”

Proactive
“prevention”





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EU Animal Health Law

- The **main instrument to implement the Animal Health Strategy (2007-2013)**
- *Principles*
- *Transmissible diseases*
- *To simplify existing rules:*
 - **Numerically**
 - **In substance**
- *More proactive, preventive behaviour*
- *Fit for decades to come*
- *No revolution, but evolution*

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AHL: an overarching framework

- **From** fragmented rules in ca. 40 Directives and Regulations
- **To** a single, comprehensive, consistent, coherent, simplified and transparent law
- **Principles:** disease categorisation, general responsibilities, international standards
- **Rules** for:
 - Disease prevention (notification and surveillance, disease awareness, preparedness, biosecurity)
 - Disease control and eradication
 - Intra-EU movements and import of animals and animal products (incl. registration, identification, traceability)
 - Emergency measures
- **Transitional measures** for a smooth implementation
 - Detailed provisions of the current Directives and Regulations in delegated and implementing acts.
 - 400 Commission acts to be reviewed

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What is out of Animal Health Law ?

- *Not in scope:*
 - Health (pathologies) and welfare of animals
 - Veterinary checks, controls
 - EU veterinary expenditure
 - Feed, medicated feed
 - Veterinary medicines
 - Veterinary education
- *In scope but specific rules remain in place:*
 - TSE rules
 - Certain zoonoses (e.g. Salmonella)



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Differentiation: animal health rules + control rules

Animal Health Law

Official controls Regulation

To fight diseases

When to certify

What is in the certificate

Conditions for entry into EU

Safeguard decisions against risks

Etc.

To enforce compliance with rules

How to certify

How to check a certificate

Controls on entering goods at
borders

Safeguard decisions against
systemic problems

Etc.

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AHL – Main changes I

- *The scope: both **kept and wild animals** covered (not only production animals)*
- *Introduction of **categorization/prioritisation** of diseases which require intervention at EU level*
- *Improved basis for response to **emerging diseases***
- *Cleared **responsibilities** of different actors (keepers, operators, competent authorities)*
- *Increased **disease awareness** for animal keepers, operators*
- *More emphasis on **biosecurity** at farm level*
- *Enhanced **surveillance and disease notification** and reporting*



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AHL – Main changes II

- *Clearer policy for the use of **vaccines** in relation to disease control & diagnosis and also some other veterinary medicines*
- *Enhanced **convergence with international standards** on animal health*
- *Introduction of **compartmentalization***
- *Requirements for **export***





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Benefits of AHL

- *Enabling a better response to new threats*
- *Reduce administrative burdens/costs, where involved risks permit so*
- *More flexibility to take account of:*
 - **Climate changes, emerging risks**
 - **International standards, scientific developments**
 - **Local circumstances, safer trade flows**
 - **Different sizes and types of establishments, animal production**
 - **Systems providing equal guarantees (for animal movements, identification registration, etc.)**