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Advice on transport of livestock

Following the implementation earlier this year of the new Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and the Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 2006, the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) has produced a new series of Technical Notes detailing the requirements for those involved in the transport of livestock, horses, poultry and fish.

The EU Council Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations came into force on 5 January 2007. It sets out general conditions for the transport of all vertebrate species, and contains specific provisions for the transport of farm animals, horses, poultry and fish. The HSA's three new Technical Notes each provide a comprehensive description of the general requirements and respectively cover the specific provisions for farm animals and horses, poultry, and fish – including information on the necessary documentation and authorisations, and technical requirements.

All those involved in the transport of animals and related operations need to be familiar with the requirements of the new Regulation. Copies of the Technical Notes are available from the HSA office at £1.00 each including postage and handling, or can be freely downloaded from the HSA website www.hsa.org.uk. Telephone 01582 831919 or email info@hsa.org.uk for further details.

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Note to Editors:

As an independent registered charity, the HSA is unique in working exclusively to achieve the highest worldwide standards in food animal welfare at markets, during transport and at slaughter through scientific and technical advances, education and training. Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

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