

# EU Transport Regulations



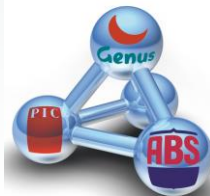
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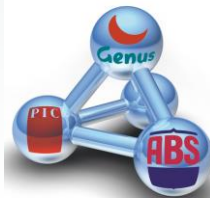
# History

- In the early 1990's there was concern from welfare groups and others in Europe about the long distance transport of animals. These were mainly about calves for further fattening and sheep for slaughter.
  - The EU Transport Directive was agreed in 1995 for introduction in 1997.
  - In 2005 the Directive was replaced with a Regulation.
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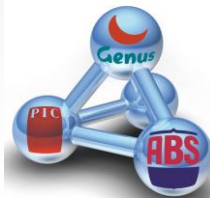
# Main points of the Regulation for pigs

- Basic transport up to 8 hours. Higher grade transport for over 8 hours.
- Maximum travel period 24 hours, then unload pigs into approved Staging Points for a 24 hour rest period.
- Time on a ro-ro ferry is classed as travelling for the pigs, but not for the driver.
- If the 24 hour travel time is reached during the ferry journey, stop for 12 hours on arrival at the overseas port.
- Stocking density not to exceed 235kg / square metre.
- Pigs should have continuous access to water.



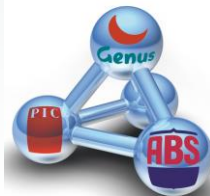
# Our Concerns

- Under EU law, two drivers can only drive for 20 hours.
  - Loading and unloading are the most stressful parts of a journey.
  - Do pigs need to rest for 24 hours?
  - The location of Staging Points could be a health risk to the pigs using it.
  - Pigs sleep for 99% of their time on a ro-ro ferry.
  - Continuous access to water can cause poor welfare.
  - Staging Points are not always available on the routes we use, and trade goes in phases.
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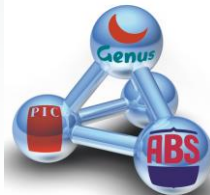
# Trial Work

- The UK Ministry of Agriculture ( DEFRA ) have funded trial work to show that pigs:
  - Sleep during a ro-ro ferry crossing.
  - Can recover from a 20 hour journey with 8 hours rest.
  - Can adapt and travel well in hot weather.



# Industry proposals

- Leave the stocking density at 235kg / square metre.
  - Journey times to be split into three:
    - 0-12 hours
    - 12 – 22 hours
    - 22+ hours.
  - Pig resting time to be reduced to 10 hours and linked to drivers rest time.
  - Travel on a ro-ro ferry should be classed as resting time for pigs.
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# Lessons learned

- New regulations need to be backed with scientific evidence.
- Regulations need to be enforceable.
- Changes take a long time to go through

