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Animal Welfare : Transport of live animals

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Background The Commission first adopted an Animal Welfare Strategy in 2006. The Community Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2006-2010, grouped the various aspects of EU policy on animal welfare governing the keeping of billions of animals for economic purposes. The new Strategy builds on the old one and, in particular, on lessons learned during the five-year implementation period of the first Action Plan. The necessity of a new strategy becomes all too obvious with a glance at the importance of animals in our daily lives. The farming sector is the largest, as far as use of animals is concerned. In farms across the EU, there are about two billion birds (chickens for meat production, laying hens, turkeys, ducks and geese) and three hundred million mammals (cows, pigs, sheep, etc.). The pet population is also quite large in the EU. It is estimated that there are about one hundred million dogs and cats in the Union. The annual value of livestock farming in the EU is estimated at approximately 150 billion euros. The Union's contribution to support animal welfare is estimated at 70 million euros a year, either directed to farmers as animal welfare payments under rural development programmes or dedicated to other activities related to animal welfare, such as research, economic studies, communication, training and education etc. Marit Paulsen (ALDE, SE), drafted the resolution in response to the Commission's Animal Welfare Strategy for 2012-2015 adopted in January. The full House votes on the resolution in July. The Commission is expected to table an EU-wide animal welfare framework law in 2013.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Preparation of lorry for live animal transport. Worker scattering sawdust. Belgium. 06-2012. (5 shots).	00:00:24
00:00:29	Loading the piglets. Belgium. 06-2012. (5 shots).	00:00:22
00:00:51	Weighing of piglets with electronic scales. Belgium. 06-2012. (2 shots).	00:00:07
00:00:58	Loading the piglets. Belgium. 06-2012. (18 shots).	00:01:46
00:02:44	Transport by lorry. Belgium. 06-2012. (2 shots).	00:00:15
00:02:59	Unloading the piglets. Belgium. 06-2012. (10 shots).	00:00:58
00:03:57	Hosing down the lorry. Belgium. 06-2012. (13 shots).	00:01:03
00:05:00	End.	00:00:00

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