

APSPH REL Fact Sheets

TRANSPORTING YOUR POLO PONIES, HOW WILL THIS BE AFFECTED?

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018
Guidance notes for conditions for hiring out horses July 2018

The new regulations now include specific mention to how your horses and ponies will be transported, whilst there are no additional regulations they point that any trucks or trailers must be fit for use and the proper records in accordance with transport legislation is available for inspection. If you don't transport your own horses you will need to provide evidence that your provider meets the requirements of the regulations.

Condition

5.6 The animals must be transported and handled in a manner (including for example in relation to housing, temperature, ventilation and frequency) that protects them from pain, suffering, injury and disease.

Guidance

Any animals received or consigned must be transported according to the regulations laid down in current legislation.

Leaving horses in vehicles must be minimalised and animals must never be left unattended in a car or other vehicle where doing so may pose a risk to the horse.

All vehicles and equipment must be clean before use

[\(1\) Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018](#)

To find out more about what you need to do when transporting your horses for commercial purposes visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/farm-animal-welfare-during-transportation>

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