

USA Comments

TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION REPORT

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CHAPTER 7.4.

TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS BY AIR

Article 7.4.1.

Livestock containers

1. Design

a) ...

c) Poultry

Crates/containers containing poultry should be handled and carried carefully with no unnecessary tilting.

The majority of birds transported by air will be newly hatched chicks. These animals are very vulnerable to sudden changes in temperature.

Comment: The proposed text lacks the detail of species-specific guidance provided in this section for other species. Until this section is completed we suggest the following information for consideration for transport of poultry other than newly hatched chicks:

“For air transport of poults, ducklings, goslings, turkey poults and including other poultry chicks not otherwise specified or pheasant chicks, the most current container requirement published by IATA must be adhered to (Currently in 2009 36th Live Animals Regulations manual this means Container Requirement 19)”.

e) ...
