Protection of animals during transport: pigs passing through staging points

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OBJECTIVE: to improve protection of pigs during transport. SUBSTANCE: Directive 91/628/EEC requires animals to be unloaded at staging points. Pigs are particularly sensitive to stress, which may occur at loading and unloading during transport. It may be necessary to allow breeding pigs to remain separate from other pigs at staging points in order to preserve their special health status. It is therefore proposed, subject to very stringent conditions, to provide for the possibility of pigs being rested, fed and watered, and cared for at a staging point while remaining on the vehicle.