SHOULD THIS ANIMAL BE LOADED?
Guidelines for Transporting Cattle, Sheep & Goats

Do Not Load
Do Not Transport

Transport With Special Provisions
(See reverse for transport regulations.)

Delay Transportation and Reassess
- Exhaustion
- Calving/lambing/kidding
- Weakness
- Fever:
  cattle > 102.5°F
  39.1°C
  sheep/goats > 103.3°F
  39.6°C

Euthanize
- Non-ambulatory (see box below)
- Arthritis with multiple joints
- Cancer eye (severe)
- Cancer/leukosis (extensive)
- Extremely thin
- Pneumonia (unresponsive with fever)
- Prolapsed uterus
- Water belly
- Nervous disorders, such as rabies must be reported to CFIA

Transport Direct to Processor as soon as possible
- Abscess
- Blind
- Cancer eye (eye intact)
- Lameness class 1 & 2 (see reverse)
- Left/right displaced abomasum (without weakness, toxicity)
- Lumpy jaw
- Penis injuries
- Pneumonia (without fever)
- Prolapsed vagina or rectum

Transport Direct to Emergency Processing Facility
Advise inspector at the destination plant.
- Bloat*
- Hardware with localized signs
- Intestinal accidents
- Recent injury*
- Urethral blockage (acute)*
- Broken tail or jaw
*Animals must travel in a small compartment, either individually segregated or with one quiet animal.

Non-ambulatory Animals
- Unable to stand without assistance, or unable to move without being dragged or carried. Commonly called “downers.” Assistance may not include any touching of the animal.
- Lameness class 3, 4 & 5 should not be loaded or transported. (see reverse)
- Animals should not be loaded if at risk of going down en route.

Animals may only be shipped to slaughter if:
a. All drug withdrawal times are met. b. The animal is fit for human consumption.
c. The animal can be humanely loaded and transported. If these conditions are not met, the animal must be humanely euthanized and disposed of according to all regulations.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR VETERINARIAN FOR ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE.
Guidelines for Dealing with Compromised Cattle, Sheep & Goats

Federal Transportation Regulations

**DO**
- Segregate animals of different species, or substantially different weights and ages, or if incompatible by nature.
- Provide proper ventilation, drainage and absorption of urine.
- Have sufficient headroom for animals to stand in a natural position.
- Either strew the vehicle with sand or have the vehicle fitted with safe footholds, in addition to appropriate bedding.
- Ensure that animals unloaded for feed, water and rest remain at least five hours and longer, if necessary, for all animals to receive food and water.
- Ensure that calves too young to exist on hay and grain are provided with suitable food and water at intervals of no more than 18 hours.
- Ensure that animals segregated in trucks receive extra protection from cold and wind chill; supply ample bedding.
- Euthanize animals promptly as the conditions outlined on the reverse occur.

**DO NOT**
- Transport a sick or injured animal where undue suffering may result, or when the animal is likely to give birth during the journey.
- Continue to transport an animal that is injured, becomes ill, or is otherwise unfit to travel beyond the nearest place it can be treated.
- Mishandle an animal on loading or unloading.
- Use goads or prods on the face, anal, udder or genital area.
- Load or unload animals in a way that would cause injury or undue suffering.
- Crowd animals to such an extent as to cause injury or undue suffering.
- Transport livestock in trailers not designed for safe handling of that species or class of livestock.

Lameness Classes

These categories can be used to determine the status of an animal’s mobility, from normal to non-ambulatory.

**Transport as soon as possible**

**Class 1**
Visibly lame but can keep up with the group: no evidence of pain.

**Class 2**
Unable to keep up; some difficulty climbing ramps. Load in rear compartment.

**Do Not Load or Transport***

**Class 3**
Requires assistance to rise, but can walk freely.

**Class 4**
Requires assistance to rise; reluctant to walk; halted movement.

**Class 5**
Unable to rise or remain standing.

*Classes 3, 4 or 5 may be transported for veterinary treatment.

Further Information

Health of Animals Regulations (Federal) [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca)
OMAF (Food Inspection Branch):
1-888-466-2372 (4-OMAFRA) extension 6-4230
CFIA (Transportation Emergencies):
1-877-814-2342
Ontario SPCA: 1-888-ONT-SPCA (668-7722)

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