

Gidday Kevin,

I have forwarded this to you direct, as there some good comments from WRSC who have 20 years+ in the game.

They have done most of the camel transport for export from AS to Dwn. Also forwarding to our current president, who may add something extra, but doesn't have email facility.

I am not sure how efficient NTBIC will be at passing it on to you, they have the same comments, so hence the direct route!

Cheers

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Subject
RE: Land Transport Animal Welfare
Standards for Livestock

Hi Barry,

Buffalo

It took me some time to find the right section to read. I would not generally allow buffalo off water for as long as they recommend.

SB2.4 & GB2.15, some times there is less stress on an animal by using an electric prod if they are not following each other whilst loading.

Free ranging animals caught late in the year, Sept - Dec should be loaded in the later afternoon and delivered Am for those travelling long distances. For those travelling short distances over bad tracks which take along time should be watered (sprayed) mid trip.

Aggressive animals (bulls) that are stressed and hurting other animals should be moved to a different compartment if they continue they should be head tied for the duration of the trip with figure 8 head rope with release loop.

Free ranging animals on dirt roads should be checked every hour for the first three hours there after every two hours if they are travelling well.

GB2.9 Flat area of animal length is not a necessity, sometimes a hindrance with Buffalo.

Floor grids are a must on the floor.

Animals in the third trailer on a triple combination will be more affected by dust on dirt roads so need to be of a stronger nature, consider swapping rear trailer to front of roadtrain.

Trucks loaded with Buffalo should be parked in shade, if this is not possible they must be watered during the hotter periods of the year.

Camels

SB3.2 ii) Camels don't lie down in transit they sit down.

Trailer floors should be smooth & free of tread mesh. Recommend use old carpet or damp sand whilst in transit as a floor covering.

Timber crate boards need to be close together to prevent the feet pads going out, as once they go out they will expand and hard to get back inside the crate.

Door ways need to be high to allow easy access.

Regards,

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