

To help more clearly contextualise the Standards it may be useful to preface them by defining the potential hazards in the transport system and the subsequent risks to animal welfare that might be associated with those hazards e.g.

chemical
physical
biological
radiation

Curfews prior to transport are critical to outcomes but difficult to prescribe due to the huge variation in circumstances (season, feed, weather). It may be possible to give more comprehensive guidance.

Transport providers play a pivotal role particularly because they are often required to assume and transfer responsibility in the absence of direct liaison with the consignor &/or receiver of livestock. Is their role adequately defined?

Fit to travel should include not only individuals and groups but also compatibility within a group to avoid risks due to variations in sex, size, body condition and mixed social groups.

In a chain of responsibility approach, should the livestock consignor be assigned a level of responsibility for assessing the suitability of the transport vehicle and operator. Should the transport provider subsequently be assigned a level of responsibility for assessing the suitability of the receipt conditions.

Is there adequate guidance for participants in the Land Transport of Livestock on the mechanisms to deal with perceived non-compliance by other parties?

Regards

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