

SOP 6 - SHIPPING CATTLE

Purpose: To prevent animals with chemical residues or broken needles from entering the human food chain.

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| ▪ | Check treatment records (proAction Records 10 & 11) to ensure the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ animals do not have broken needles in them and ○ that animals are past withdrawal times for milk and meat. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure the next buyer is aware if animal is shipped with broken needles or incomplete withdrawal times via letter of guarantee. |

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| ▪ | Ensure all cattle intended for shipping are identified with dairy approved (DairyTrace) dual tags or single white button tags (calves born on a dairy farm and destined for purposes other than dairy production may be identified with an approved DairyTrace single white button tag) |
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| ▪ | Report all animal birth or tag activation information to the national traceability database (DairyTrace) before animals leave the farm (particularly for bull calves) |
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| ▪ | Avoid the use of electric prods (only use in extreme situations when animal or human safety is at risk) |
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- Ensure cattle that are incompatible by nature are segregated. Do not mix cattle during transport that will lead to fighting or injury (e.g. two bulls)
- Only experienced and trained handlers should load cattle. Make sure all staff and animal handlers are aware of this SOP and techniques.

