

### **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"> <li>○ animals do not have broken needles in them and</li> <li>○ that animals are past withdrawal times for milk and meat.</li> </ul> |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure the next buyer is aware if animal is shipped with broken needles or incomplete withdrawal times via letter of guarantee.</li> </ul>  |
  
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| ▪ | Make sure all animals are identified according to NLID. |
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| ▪ | Assess every animal prior to loading. Do not transport cattle in the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any animals requiring immediate veterinary attention</li> <li>○ Animals with low body condition scores</li> <li>○ Animals with severe lameness (i.e., cannot bear weight on all four legs)</li> <li>○ Non-ambulatory animals (see <b>SOP 10</b>)</li> <li>○ Animals likely to give birth</li> <li>○ Animals requiring hobbles</li> <li>○ _____</li> <li>○ _____</li> <li>○ _____</li> <li>○ _____</li> </ul> |
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| ▪ | Prior to shipping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do you sell newborn calves? YES or NO (<b>indicate one</b>)               <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15px; vertical-align: top;">▪</td> <td>If yes, ensure they are fed least 4L of colostrum</td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>○ Feed and water dairy cattle within 5 hours of loading, if the expected duration of the animals' confinement is longer than 24 hours from the time of loading</li> <li>○ _____</li> <li>○ _____</li> </ul> | ▪ | If yes, ensure they are fed least 4L of colostrum |
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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) |
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| ▪ | Only experienced and trained handlers should load cattle. Make sure all staff and animal handlers are aware of this SOP and techniques. |
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