

VEAL CATTLE FIT TO SHIP PRE-SHIPMENT CHECKLIST FOR FINISHED VEAL PRODUCERS



Ensuring veal cattle are properly prepared for transport is essential for their well-being, food safety, and efficiency. This checklist helps minimize stress, prevent health issues, and ensure regulatory compliance, supporting responsible livestock handling.

Shipping date: / Document(s) location:					
	Description	YES	NO		
FITNESS FOR TRANSPORT	Are animals able to stand and walk without pain or assistance? Are animals dehydrated, emaciated, or injured? Are animals compromised or unfit as per <i>Health of Animals Regulations – Part XII?</i> Have all treatments/medications been recorded? Have all medication withdrawal periods been met? Does the animal contain broken needles?				
CATTLE CLEANLINESS	Have animals been tag scored for manure and mud tags? Do 75 per cent of the animals have 30 per cent or less of their abdomen free of manure and mud tags?				
IDENTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION	Are animals tagged with approved tags? Have the proper transport documents been completed, including emergency contacts and destination details?				
FEED AND WATER	Have animals been fed within 24 hours prior to loading? Have animals had access to fresh, clean water prior to loading?				

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HANDLING AND LOADING		Have animals been handled using low-stress techniques?		
		Are loading equipment and facilities safe, well-lit, and non-slip?		
		Have animals been grouped by size and temperament?		
TRANSPORT VEHICLE AND CONDITIONS		Is the transport vehicle clean, well-ventilated, and safe?		
		Is bedding dry and appropriate for weather conditions (especially in cold weather)?		
	-0	Does the trailer meet space and height requirements for veal cattle?		
TRAVEL PLANNING		Is a contingency plan in place and accessible for delays or emergencies?		
		Are delays expected due to weather?		
		Are emergency contact numbers accessible?		
COMMUNICATION	-	Has a pick-up time and delivery schedule been confirmed with the transporter?		
		Has the processor been notified of the expected arrival time?		
		Has the processor been notified of any special handling needs, health concerns or broken needles?		
FINAL CHECK	R	Has a final walkthrough of the barn and loading area taken place?		
		Are all gates and doors secured?		
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