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ALBERTA REGULATION 22/99

Livestock and Livestock Products Act

LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTATION REGULATION

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Interpretation

1(1) In this Regulation,

- (a) “operator” means the driver of a vehicle in which livestock is transported pursuant to this Regulation;
- (b) “peace officer” means a peace officer as defined in the Police Act;
- (c) “shipper”, in respect of livestock that is transported pursuant to this Regulation, means
 - (i) the person who owns the livestock, or

(ii) the person who possessed the livestock at the time the livestock was loaded for transport;

(d) “vehicle” means a device in, on or by which livestock may be transported on a highway as defined in the Traffic Safety Act, but does not include a device that is propelled by muscular power.

(2) Any reference in this Regulation to loading, unloading or transporting livestock includes causing to load, causing to unload and causing to transport livestock, as the case may be.

AR 22/99 s1;221/2004

Livestock unfit for transport

2(1) No shipper or operator shall load or transport livestock that, by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue or any other cause, would suffer unduly during transport.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an operator may transport livestock

(a) to or from a veterinary clinic or a designated confinement area to deal with health concerns, or

(b) for slaughter

as long as the livestock is loaded and transported humanely.

(3) No shipper or operator shall load or transport livestock that is likely to give birth during transport unless the livestock is being transported for health reasons.

(4) No operator shall continue to transport livestock that becomes injured, ill or otherwise unfit for transport during a journey beyond the nearest suitable place at which it can receive proper care and attention.

(5) A peace officer or inspector who finds that a vehicle is transporting livestock that is unfit for transport may require the operator of the vehicle to unload the livestock for rest, feed and water at a location that has all the facilities necessary for loading, unloading, resting, feeding, watering and inspecting the livestock.

Crowding prohibited

3 No shipper or operator shall load or transport livestock in a vehicle in a manner that is likely to cause injury or undue suffering to the livestock due to crowding.

Rest stops

4 Where livestock will be transported for more than 36 hours, the operator transporting the livestock shall, at intervals not exceeding 36 hours, unload the livestock for rest, feed and water for at least 5 hours at a location that has all the facilities necessary for loading, unloading, resting, feeding, watering and inspecting the livestock.

Loading facilities and pens

5(1) No shipper or operator shall load or unload livestock in a manner that is likely to cause injury or undue suffering to it.

(2) No shipper, operator or receiver shall use a ramp, gangway, chute or other apparatus to load or unload livestock unless the ramp, gangway, chute or other apparatus, as the case may be,

(a) has a slope that is not greater than 45 degrees,

(b) has sides of sufficient strength and height and is otherwise constructed so as to prevent injury to the livestock, and

(c) is positioned so that there are no unprotected gaps between it and the vehicle that the livestock is to be loaded on or unloaded from.

(3) A pen into which livestock is unloaded during transport for rest, feed and water must

(a) provide sufficient space for all the livestock to lie down at the same time,

(b) provide for adequate feeding and watering of the livestock,

(c) have well drained and clean floors of concrete or any other suitable material that provides safe footing,

(d) have an adequate amount of straw or other suitable material to bed the livestock, and

(e) provide protection from extremes of heat or cold and other adverse weather conditions.

Duties of operator

6 An operator who loads or transports livestock shall ensure that the vehicle used to transport the livestock meets the following requirements:

(a) exhaust fumes must not be able to enter the box and cause distress to the livestock;

(b) the box front must be of sufficient height to protect the livestock from direct exposure to any adverse condition;

(c) each animal must have enough room to be able to stand in all natural positions without coming in contact with the deck or roof of the vehicle;

(d) the deck surface must be covered with checkered plate or other suitable non-slip flooring or with straw, dry sand or other suitable material that is uniformly spread.

Unsuitable vehicle

7(1) No shipper or operator shall load or transport livestock in a vehicle that has

- (a) a box or stock rack of a strength and height that is insufficient to adequately protect and contain the livestock at all times,
- (b) fittings that are not secure or are inadequately padded, fenced off or obstructed,
- (c) bolt-heads or other objects projecting into the area where the livestock are held,
- (d) any broken, cracked or damaged siding or floor material,
- (e) inadequate ventilation,
- (f) unsafe footholds or footholds that are not secure, or
- (g) any other equipment in such a condition that it is likely to cause injury or undue suffering to the livestock.

(2) No shipper or operator shall load or transport livestock in a vehicle in a manner that would cause undue exposure of the livestock to weather.

Duty to keep livestock segregated

8(1) An operator transporting livestock shall segregate the livestock during transport in accordance with this section.

(2) Livestock of the same species that demonstrate that they are incompatible by nature and livestock of different species must be segregated from one another.

(3) Groups of mature bulls, de-tusked boars, rams and goat bucks must be segregated from all other livestock.

(4) Cows, sows and mares with suckling offspring must be segregated from all other livestock.

(5) A mature boar that is not de-tusked must be segregated from all other livestock.

(6) A mature stallion must be segregated from all other livestock, including other mature stallions.

(7) Livestock of the same species but of substantially different weight or age must be segregated from one another.

Sanitary conditions

9 An operator transporting livestock shall ensure that the vehicle is

- (a) adequately cleaned prior to the loading of the livestock,
- (b) maintained in a clean state, and
- (c) disinfected when requested by an inspector under the Livestock

Diseases Act.

Prohibition

10 No person shall beat or, by use of a prod, goad or other instrument, cause injury to livestock being loaded into or unloaded from a vehicle.

Inspection

11 An operator transporting livestock shall, on the request of an inspector, permit the inspector to examine the livestock for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this Regulation.

Repeal

12 The Livestock Transportation Regulation (AR 76/95) is repealed.

Expiry

13 For the purpose of ensuring that this Regulation is reviewed for ongoing relevancy and necessity, with the option that it may be repassed in its present or an amended form following a review, this Regulation expires on June 30, 2008.

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