



Farmers Declaration for Preparation of Travel

Trade Name: _____ Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address animals were prepared: _____

Preparation Requirements & Guidelines

In accordance with the Animal Welfare (Transport within New Zealand) Code of Welfare 2011 & the Animal Welfare Act 1999;

- a. For a journey longer than 24 hours (including travel on land), ruminants **must** be held off pasture, with water and dry feed provided, for a minimum of 12 hours before travel. [Minimum Standard No 12 (a)(1)]
- b. Animals **must** be appropriately prepared for transport, including through the provision of sufficient food and water, as appropriate to the species, age, condition and expected length and conditions of the journey, so that pain, injury or distress to themselves or other animals is avoided.
- c. Before undertaking a journey during which the animals will be fed and watered, animals **must** be familiarised with the feed to be offered and the methods by which the feed and water are given.
- d. If animals are to be fed during the journey, they **must** either be offered the feed they are accustomed to during the journey; or, if the food to be offered during transport differs from that to which the animals are accustomed, a period of pre-conditioning to the new feed **must** be undertaken prior to transport.
[Minimum Standard No 10 (b)]
- e. Proper care **must** be taken when deciding whether it is appropriate to transport young, old, pregnant or otherwise physiologically or behaviourally compromised animals.
- f. Animals **must** not be transported if they are likely to give birth during the journey or be affected by metabolic complications of late pregnancy as a result of the journey. Animals that are pregnant **should not** be in the last trimester of pregnancy [i.e. must be less than 6 months pregnant], when transported.
[Recommended best practice Page 16 (c) Transport Code]
- g. Animals **must** not be transported unless they are fit enough to withstand the entire journey without suffering unreasonable or unnecessary pain or distress.
- h. Animals to be transported **must** be able to stand and to **bear weight evenly on all limbs.**
- i. Animals with horns or antlers of a length that may cause injury or be damaged **must** not be transported, except where special provision is made for such animals to be transported so that they do not cause injury and are not injured themselves.
- j. Animals **must** not be transported with bleeding antler or horn stumps, or within seven days of being disbudded, dehorned, castrated, tail docked or having velvet antler removed, except yearling deer where approved rings have been used.
- k. Animals **must** not be transported if they display any injuries, signs of disease, abnormal behaviour or physical abnormalities that could compromise their welfare during the journey, unless a veterinary declaration of fitness for transport has been completed.

Animal Welfare Code Recommended best practice

- Animals **should** be exposed to appropriate contact with humans and handling conditions (including methods of restraint) prior to transport to reduce their fearfulness and improve their approachability. This is especially important for animals captured from the wild.
- Animals for which pre-travel rest is not appropriate **should** be moved immediately from their normal housing onto the conveyance.
- Consideration **should** be given to the administration of appropriate nutritional supplements prior to transport where applicable (e.g. in cases where pasture is deficient in particular minerals or animals are otherwise metabolically challenged).[i.e. Calcium and/or Magnesium]

Declaration

I/We declare that we prepare our livestock in accordance with the Animal Welfare (Transport within New Zealand) Code of Welfare 2011 & the Animal Welfare Act 1999 And/or the requirements and guidelines contained in this declaration and the Chatham Island Shipping Agreement have not been met in all respects.

NOTE: The Captain of the vessel reserves the right to refuse to transport any animal/animals while the condition or health of those animals is such as to render them unfit [section 23, Animal Welfare Act 1999.] and/or the requirements and guidelines contained in this declaration and the Chatham Island Shipping Agreement have not been met in all respects.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Position (if app): _____