

Possible Risks Resulting in Welfare Issues

Stock Transport

The following is a list of possible common risks that stock transporters (professional transporters and farmers) may face;

- Transport of animals unfit for movement
- Stock injury during transport (e.g. poor loading facilities, poor handling, overcrowding etc.)
- Truck and rail accident
- Lack of understanding of procedures in emergencies (e.g. truck roll over etc.)
- Adverse welfare and death during emergency transport
- Risk of prosecution for inappropriate or illegal emergency transport
- Transporting diseased or carrier animals (Vendor declarations)
- Risk of inappropriate feeding, watering and resting during prolonged transport
- Poor transporter design and maintenance
- Poor ramp design and maintenance
- Lack of staff training and poor animal husbandry outcomes
- High staff (drivers and animal attendants) turnover and poor access to training
- Inappropriate care, supervision and density, and undue stress at loading, during transport and unloading
- Lack of preparedness for humane animal destruction when necessary
- Malicious animal harm, release or truck damage