



LIVESTOCK WELFARE AT SALES - CODE

Saleyard:

Place:

Date:

Agent/Auctioneer:

Contact email:

Phone:

Inspector:

SPECIES	CATTLE	SHEEP	GOATS	PIGS	POULTRY	EQUINE	OTHER
Approx. No:							

CATEGORY	ITEMS EVALUATED	SCORING (0 – 5)
Transport (To & From)	vehicle floors: _____ sides: _____ over- or under-loading: _____ different livestock categories separate: _____ restraint: _____ ventilation: length and time of journey: _____	
Loading (Off & On)	Speed _____; Ramps: available _____, used _____, adjustable _____, slope _____, surface _____, sides _____. Condition: _____ loading gaps _____; management _____	
Facilities available	Shelter _____, water _____, pen floors _____, pen sizes _____, fencing _____, obstacles _____, crowding _____, separation of livestock categories _____, overnighting _____	
Management of animals	Handling _____, overcrowding _____, Training of handlers _____, supervision of handlers _____, tethering _____, use of prodders _____, unacceptable practices _____, weather conditions _____	
Animals	Pregnant / sick / unweaned _____, condition _____, horns _____, disease _____	
Bio Security	AHT inspections _____, Vendor declarations _____, Identification of livestock _____	

Comments:

AUCTION AND SALES GUIDELINES: (1) TRANSPORT (TO & FROM)	
1.1	Was the transport of the livestock to the auction humane? (i.e. correct stocking density, correct tethering, no large animals with small animals, no horned animals with dehorned animals, no dangerous conditions)
1.2	Were the facilities for off-loading and on-loading adequate?
1.3	Were animals off-loaded and moved into pens in a quiet or humane, controlled way without excessive use of goads (NB electric prodders are never used on pigs or on sensitive parts of the body)?
1.4	Is clean potable water available in the pens for animals at all times?
1.5	Were the animals in good condition?
1.6	Are there any animal welfare problems at the auction?
1.7	Were any animals transported for periods longer than 12 hours?
1.8	Were all vehicles fitted / provided with solid, non-slip flooring?
1.9	Were vehicles overloaded, were there partitions in vehicles longer than 4 metres?
1.10	Were different species transported separately?
1.11	Were adults of different sexes transported separately?
1.12	Were horned and polled animals transported separately?
1.13	Were fractious animals transported separately?
1.14	Were animals of different sizes transported separately?
1.15	Did all pigs have shade during transportation?
1.16	Did all un-weaned animals have shade and bedding during transportation?
1.17	Were animals removed from the property as soon as possible after loading?
1.18	Were any animals transported in a forced recumbent position?
1.19	Were any animals transported in the boot of a vehicle or in a sack?
1.20	Were any animals transported with their legs and feet tied?
1.21	Were any animals transported with their necks tied?
1.22	Were any animals tied by the horns with a slip knot?
1.23	Were any animals transported for periods longer than 18 hours (with or without offloading – from loading to offloading)?
1.24	Were any un-weaned livestock transported without their mothers for longer than 6 hours?

1.25	Were animals transported in suitable containers / vehicles?
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AUCTION AND SALES GUIDELINES (2) LOADING (OFF & ON)

2.1	Were animals off-loaded as soon as possible (Time)?
2.2	Were all animals offloaded at ramps?
2.3	Were ramps available for all types of vehicles?
2.4	Are ramps adjustable or fixed?
2.5	Do all ramps have a suitable incline? Sheep (30°) / Pigs (20°) / Cattle (25°)
2.6	Are all ramps non-slip?
2.7	Do all ramps have siding to prevent escape or falling from the sides?
2.8	Are all ramps well maintained to prevent injury?
2.9	Are vehicles parked flush with ramps without gaps?

AUCTION AND SALES GUIDELINES (3) FACILITIES

3.1	Are all areas free of obstructions / loose objects or protruding wires?
3.2	Were drinking troughs and water provided?
3.3	Type of substrate of pens (is it non-slip?)
3.4	Is shelter provided for sheep / goats / pigs and calves?
3.5	Were overnight facilities for all species acceptable?
3.6	Is fencing acceptable (height, no protrusions etc.)?
3.7	Are pens free from obstacles / hazardous objects / protrusions?
3.8	Were animals kept under shelter?
3.9	Did all animals have access to potable water?

AUCTION AND SALES GUIDELINES (4) MANAGEMENT OF ANIMALS

4.1	Are owners allowed to offload animals without supervision from staff?
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4.2	Were animals offloaded calmly and humanely?
4.3	Were prodders used to offload animals (which animals)?
4.4	Were pens overcrowded?
4.5	Were animals tethered?
4.6	Did the sale take place during adverse weather conditions (above 35°C / heavy rain / hail etc)?
4.7	Were animals handled with care and consideration?
4.8	Were electric prodders used on the face / genitals or sensitive areas?
4.9	Were prodders used excessively (while animals were moving etc)?
4.10	Were prodders used on any pigs / calves / equines or small stock?
4.11	Were any other goads / prodders used?
4.12	Do handlers seem competent, was there excessive noise / chasing?
4.13	Was there any beating / tail twisting / kicking / whipping or dragging of animals?
4.14	Were any animals handled / moved / picked up by their ears / tails / horns / legs / skin / fleece?
4.15	Were animals goaded or prodded excessively inside the auction ring?
4.16	Was the auction ring or races overcrowded?
4.17	Were animals marked in an acceptable manner?
4.18	Did any Tail-Docking, Teeth Chipping, Branding etc. occur?
4.19	Do staff members appear to be completely trained?
4.20	Were animals tied / restrained in an acceptable manner?
4.21	Were animals handled humanely?
4.22	Were animals kept there overnight?

AUCTION AND SALES GUIDELINES (5) ANIMALS	
5.1	Were different species penned separately?
5.2	Were different sizes and sexes penned separately?
5.3	Were heavily pregnant animals on sale?
5.4	Were sick / injured animals on sale?
5.5	Were sick / injured / pregnant or fractious animals penned separately?
5.6	Was Emergency Slaughter performed where necessary?
5.7	Were un-weaned animals separated from their mothers unnecessarily?
5.8	Were un-weaned livestock fed every 6 hours?
5.9	Were un-weaned animals sold first (with or without their mothers)?
5.10	Were any animals under 7 days sold without their mothers?

AUCTION AND SALES GUIDELINES (6) BIO-SECURITY	
6.1	Were Animal Health Technicians present?
6.2	Were they checking for diseases?
6.3	Were Vendor Declarations used?
6.4	Were all animals properly identified?

SCORING GUIDE

- 0 - totally unacceptable / dangerous / nothing / drastic action needed
- 1 - very poor, unacceptable, needs much improvement
- 2 - poor, not acceptable, needs improvement, substandard
- 3 - fair, acceptable, most items right, room for improvement
- 4 - good, completely acceptable, little extra needed
- 5 - excellent, serves as an example, perfect

✓ = observed and acceptable

X = observed but unacceptable

-- = not observed

Accepted: 2018