

## ***Fitness of livestock for loading:***

All livestock must be checked against the following prior to loading:

- livestock are fit for the intended journey
- livestock are able to move freely & bear weight on all legs
- livestock are not dehydrated
- livestock are not diseased, ill or injured
- livestock are not overly stressed
- livestock have been fed and watered in accordance with curfew arrangements
- livestock are accompanied by the appropriate paperwork and declarations.
- livestock are assessed and handled by competent staff.

For further information refer to the "Is it fit to Load?" guide by Meat and Livestock Australia.

## ***When loading livestock:***

The following classes of livestock must be penned separately from other animals:

- different species;
- livestock that differ greatly in size;
- livestock that are pregnant or with young at foot unless in groups together;
- potentially aggressive and known aggressive animals; especially aggressive males;
- weak, ill or injured livestock if transported with stronger livestock;
- young or newly weaned livestock to be separated from older animals unless accompanying mothers;
- horned livestock.

For further information refer to the "Is it fit to Load?" guide by Meat and Livestock Australia.

## ***Special requirements for transporting bobby calves:***

Bobby calves must be transported to meet the specified requirements on the NVD for calves, namely:-

- calves are aged between 5 & 30 days
- calves are at least 23kg live weight;
- calves have been fed within 6 hours of loading & not transported in excess of 12 hours
- calves are able to walk on their own and are healthy and fit;
- calves have a withered, dry umbilical cord;
- calves have protection from excess heat, sun, wind and rain, in a vehicle that has an enclosed front and that provides effective airflow

## ***Maximum permitted time off water & Minimum spelling periods:***

Including time spent mustering, holding prior to loading, traveling and rest stops and unloading until water is provided.

### ***Maximum water deprivation for cattle:***

	<b>Maximum time off water</b>	<b>Required spelling period</b>
Over 6 mths	48 hours	36 hours
Lactating cows with CAF	24 hours	12 hours
Cows < 6 mths pregnant - excluding last 4 weeks	24 hours	12 hours
Calves 30 days to 6 mths	24 hours	12 hours
Calves 5 to 30 days travelling without mothers	18 hours	-

### ***Maximum water deprivation times for sheep:***

	<b>Maximum time off water</b>	<b>Required spelling period</b>
Sheep over 4 mths	48 hours	36 hours
Lambs under 4 mths	28 hours	12 hours
Ewes < 14 weeks pregnant - excluding last 2 weeks	24 hours	12 hours

### ***Maximum water deprivation times for pigs:***

	<b>Maximum time off water</b>	<b>Required spelling period</b>
Pigs	24 hours	12 hours
Lactating Sow & Piglets	12 hours	12 hours
Weaners	12 hours	12 hours

## Livestock penning densities:

Note: The following densities are recommended *upper limits*, but the transport operator should consider varying these densities in response to *extreme weather conditions, shorn or full wool, live weight*.

### Loading densities for cattle:

Mean live weight (kg)	Floor area (square metres/h)	Head per pen length (12.5 m x 2.4 m deck)
250	0.77	38
300	0.86	34
350	0.98	30
400	1.05	28
450	1.13	26
500	1.23	24
550	1.34	22
600	1.47	20
650	1.63	18

### Loading densities for sheep:

Mean live weight (kg)	Floor area (square metres/h)	Head per pen length (2.4 m wide tray)		
		3.0 m	4.5 m	6 m
20	0.17	42	63	85
30	0.19	38	57	76
40	0.22	33	49	65
50	0.25	29	43	57
60	0.29	25	37	49

### Loading densities for pigs:

Average liveweights	Pen length				Space allowance (m2/head)
	3 metre		4 metre		
	Min no.	Max no.	Min no.	Max no.	
50	30	33	40	44	0.22
75	21	25	31	34	0.29
100	19	21	25	28	0.35
125	15	19	21	23	0.42
150	13	15	18	20	0.48
175	12	13	16	18	0.55
200	11	12	14	16	0.61

### Key Contacts or policy advice and support State Livestock Transport Association:

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SA	ph: 0400 653 613	LIVESTOCK ASSIST	ph: 1800 425 782
VIC	ph: 0400 933 713	POLICE	ph: 000
QLD	ph: 1800 079 513	DEWLP	ph: 136 186

**Always follow your company procedure in case of a breakdown or other stock emergency.**

### Animal Welfare Standards

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