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Subject: **RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS
BY SEA.**

- c. *Animal Welfare Division* – shall refer to the Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture tasked to implement Republic Act 8485.
- d. *BAI* shall refer to the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture.

- 7.1.6 Contract only those vans or vehicles approved by the local veterinary officers in accordance with Appendix 1.
- 7.1.7 Secure permits from the DA-BAI or DA-Regional Offices, and in the case of wild animals, additional permits shall be secured from the DENR-PAWB.
- 7.1.8 Ensure that animals are not transported in case of extreme weather conditions.
- 7.1.9 Provide implements and equipments needed to ensure the comfort and safety of the animals while traveling by sea.

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- 7.4.1 Ensure that the animals on board are treated humanely, in accordance with R.A. 8485.
- 7.4.2 Ensure that the animals to be shipped out are healthy and fit to travel.
- 7.4.3 Disallow the boarding of sick and/or disabled animals and undertake appropriate measures to address the problems, as he deems necessary.
- 7.4.4 Brief the livestock shippers as the need arises.
- 7.4.5 Ensure that appropriate ramps are available for large animals, cattle and carabaos.
- 7.4.6 Ensure that the livestock vans, crates and cages used to transport livestock have proper floorings. They shall have no holes or missing planks.

Section 8. LOADING/ UNLOADING REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 The driver of the vehicle carrying animals shall take extra precautions when loading the said vehicle on the vessel through the vessel ramp. He shall ensure that the cattle or carabaos do not rear up above the vehicle's height while being loaded on the vessel.
- 8.2 The shipping company shall ensure that appropriate ramps or chutes are provided for the animals that will be boarded on foot.
- 8.3 Upon arrival at the port of destination, the animals if practicable, shall be immediately unloaded.
- 8.4 In case there are animals that are unable to walk because of injury or exhaustion, appropriate measures shall be taken by the shipper's representative. They shall inform the City/Provincial Veterinary Officer of the proper action to be taken in this situation. Thereafter, the City/Provincial Veterinary Officer shall submit a report to the Animal Welfare Division that the requirements of the law have been complied with.
- 8.5 Dogs, cats and other pets, poultry, birds and wild animals kept in a box, wood, plastic/ metal cages or crates shall be stored in an area mutually acceptable to the shipping company and the quarantine officer.

Section 9. ISSUANCES OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Section 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE


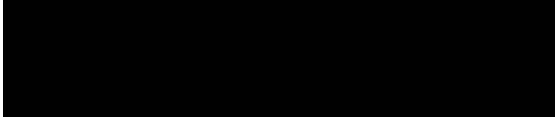
In case any provision of these Rules and Regulations is declared contrary to law or unconstitutional, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

Section 12. REPEALING CLAUSE

All Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other administrative issuances or parts thereof issued by the Department of Agriculture inconsistent with the provisions of this regulation are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 13. EFFECTIVITY

These Rules and Regulations shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.


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