

## Overview

This standard covers the preparation required for the transportation of animals. It includes preparing the transport and ensuring the health, welfare and safety of the animals.

When transporting animals you should be trained and hold current certification, where required.

When carrying out your work you must consider the impact it will have on the environment.

This standard is suitable for anyone who prepares for the transportation of animals.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

1. assess the risks associated with the activity to be carried out
2. wear suitable clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE)
3. select, prepare, use, maintain and store the required tools and equipment safely and correctly
4. prepare the transport used for the transportation of animals and make it clean, safe and secure to receive the animals
5. confirm that the loading area and route is safe, secure and designed to ease loading of the animals
6. check information about the destination and expected time of arrival with the relevant people
7. confirm that the containment of animals complies with relevant legislation and optimises their health and welfare
8. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in, or affected by, your work
9. maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with business practices
10. process waste safely and correctly, in accordance with relevant legal requirements and business practices
11. carry out your work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and business policies
12. complete records as required by relevant legislation and the business

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## Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. how to identify hazards and assess risks with the transportation of animals
2. the type of clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the activity
3. the types of tools and equipment required and how to prepare, maintain, use and store them safely and correctly
4. how the transport needs to be prepared for the animals, to maintain their safety, security, health and welfare
5. the destination and estimated time of arrival, why this information is important and who it should be confirmed with
6. the factors that cause animals stress when being transported and how to minimise these
7. the legal requirements in relation to the stocking density and the number of animals being transported
8. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in, or affected by, your work and how this should be done
9. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security during preparation for the transportation of animals, and the methods for achieving this
10. how to process the different types of waste produced by the activity
11. your responsibilities for the welfare of animals under relevant animal health and welfare legislation, animal transport legislation, codes of practice and business policies
12. **the legal requirements for training and certification** when transporting animals
13. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
14. the records that need to be kept and the importance of completing them

## Glossary

### Legal requirements for training and certification:

Transporting animals over 65km and up to eight hours:

- Drivers and attendants responsible for the transport of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, domestic Equidae or poultry must hold a valid certificate of competence.

Transporting animals over eight hours:

- Anyone transporting cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, domestic Equidae or poultry over 65km must be competent to do so. Drivers and attendants must hold a valid certificate of competence.

Drivers must also hold the relevant licence to drive the vehicle, including a trailer, where used.

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