Transport general livestock by road

Level 4
Credits 25

Purpose
This unit standard is for drivers of commercial road transport vehicles carrying general livestock.

People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe contingency plans for transporting general livestock by road; set up and maintain a livestock transportation crate; demonstrate practical general livestock handling skills; and transport general livestock to meet contract of cartage.

Subfield
Commercial Road Transport

Domain
Transportation of Livestock by Road

Status
Registered

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Entry information
Drivers must hold a minimum of the class of licence required for the vehicle being driven and comply with the requirements of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999.

Accreditation
Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA and industry.

Standard setting body (SSB)
NZ Motor Industry Training Organisation (Incorporated)

Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference 0092
This AMAP can be accessed at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do.

Special notes
1 References and/or relevant resources
2 Definitions
The AWAC Code, also referred to as the Code of Animal Welfare, is the Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Animals Transported within New Zealand (Code of Animal Welfare No 15) and subsequent amendments. Contingency plan refers to those actions to be taken in the event of unforeseen circumstances that cause livestock to become distressed. General livestock refers to cattle and/or sheep. Organisational procedures mean those company instructions that are formally documented for employees and are available to candidates and assessors. Road Transport, in addition to its usual sense, includes transport of animals before, during, and after sea transport that is a part of and/or a continuation of normal road transport. Export is not part of this definition. Stockmanship refers to the skills required to move livestock efficiently and effectively without causing stress to the animal.

3 The legal requirements relevant to this unit standard include:
Animal Products Act 1999;
Animal Welfare Act 1999;
Biosecurity Act 1993;
Land Transport Act 1998;
Resource Management Act 1991;
Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986;
Biosecurity (Animal Identification Systems) Regulations 1999;
Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999;
Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004;

4 Assessment of this unit standard shall be conducted under practical workplace conditions. Evidence is required to show consistency of performance over a period of at least three months.

5 For credit, demonstration of competence in transporting general livestock will be at a minimum of 50% vehicle carrying capacity.

6 The vehicle may be a rigid or combination vehicle utilising double decks.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1
Describe contingency plans for transporting general livestock by road.

Performance criteria

1.1 The description includes three situations that can arise, during transportation of general livestock by road, that require a contingency plan.
1.2 The description includes communication procedures to implement a contingency plan in accordance with organisational procedures.

1.3 The description includes AWAC Code and organisational procedures for unloading and holding distressed livestock until fit to continue the journey.

**Element 2**

Set up and maintain a livestock transportation crate.

**Performance criteria**

2.1 Inspection of crate identifies wear and damage likely to adversely affect animal welfare and personal safety, and ensures the crate is in accordance with organisational and legal load restraint requirements.

2.2 Unacceptable wear or damage is reported, and remedying action is taken, in accordance with organisational procedures.

2.3 Check of crate loading ramp establishes ramp is safe and secure for use.

2.4 Crate is set up to suit load and utilise appropriate components.

2.5 Crate cleaning is in accordance with organisational procedures.

**Element 3**

Demonstrate practical general livestock handling skills.

**Range** in the crate, in the yards, when loading, when unloading, use of equipment.

**Performance criteria**

3.1 Stockmanship when handling general livestock demonstrates understanding of animal behaviours.

3.2 Stockmanship minimises stress, injury, and risk of disease to general livestock.

3.3 Stockmanship ensures safety of handler/s.

**Element 4**

Transport general livestock to meet contract of cartage.

**Performance criteria**

4.1 Check of load plan prior to pick up of livestock verifies that the plan meets customer, organisational, and AWAC Code requirements.

4.2 Accompanying documentation is checked for completion and verifies livestock is fit for loading.
4.3 Selection of livestock for loading meets AWAC Code requirements.

4.4 Loading and unloading of livestock is in accordance with designated slaughter plant and/or customer requirements and minimises stress, injury, or risk of disease.

4.5 Stockmanship uses a range of techniques to control stock, and ensures the security and welfare of livestock, correct tallies, and safety of animals and handler/s.

4.6 The livestock are distributed (penned) within the crate to meet AWAC Code requirements and legal requirements for axle weights.

4.7 Movement of livestock between crate decks required by load plan meets AWAC Code and organisational procedures.

4.8 Driver actions taken before, during, and after transport in terms of animal care ensure welfare of animals.

4.9 Effluent disposal is consistent with the industry code of practice for the minimisation of stock effluent spillage from stock trucks on the road.

4.10 Driving techniques are consistent with welfare of livestock, organisational procedures, and vehicle safety.

4.11 Driving techniques include safe and efficient vehicle manoeuvring and positioning for loading and unloading operations.

4.12 Any contingencies that arise during delivery are dealt with in accordance with contingency plan.

4.13 Copy of completed travel documentation is supplied to animal receiver at time of unloading.

4.14 Performance of driver duties meets legal and organisational procedures.

Please note

Providers must be accredited by NZQA, or an inter-institutional body with delegated authority for quality assurance, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.
Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the NZ Motor Industry Training Organisation (Incorporated) info@mito.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.