

Country Comparison of Requirements for Transport of Neonatal Calves

AUSTRALIA	CANADA	EUROPEAN UNION	NEW ZEALAND	UNITED STATES
<p>SUMMARY Restrictions on length and nature of transport based on age; requirements for conditions of transport based on age</p>	<p>SUMMARY Restrictions on length and nature of transport based on age; requirements for conditions of transport based on age</p>	<p>SUMMARY Prohibition on transport of very young calves based on navel healing; restrictions on length of transport; requirements for conditions of transport based on age</p>	<p>SUMMARY Prohibition on transport of very young calves; restrictions on transport times and requirements for conditions of transport</p>	<p>SUMMARY No age-specific requirements; prohibition on transport of any animal over 28 hours</p>
<p>MINIMUM AGE None</p>	<p>MINIMUM AGE None</p>	<p>MINIMUM AGE 10 days old or a “completely healed navel,” excluding those transported less than 100 km</p>	<p>MINIMUM AGE 4 days old</p>	<p>MINIMUM AGE None</p>
<p>MAXIMUM TRANSPORT TIME 6 hours (calves under 5 days old); 12 hours (calves 5–30 days old)</p>	<p>MAXIMUM TRANSPORT TIME 12 hours including loading/unloading (all ruminants too young to be fed exclusively on hay or grain)</p>	<p>MAXIMUM TRANSPORT TIME 8 hours (calves 14 days old and under); 17 hours (calves over 14 days old)</p>	<p>MAXIMUM TRANSPORT TIME 12 hours (calves up to 14 days old)</p>	<p>MAXIMUM TRANSPORT TIME 28 hours before required to unload for feed, water, and rest; this can be extended to 36 hours with permission by phone</p>
<p>GEN. FITNESS REQUIREMENTS Yes</p>	<p>GEN. FITNESS REQUIREMENTS Yes¹</p>	<p>GEN. FITNESS REQUIREMENTS Yes</p>	<p>GEN. FITNESS REQUIREMENTS Yes</p>	<p>GEN. FITNESS REQUIREMENTS No</p>
<p>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Calves under 5 days old:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> cannot be sold through sale yards (must go directly to calf-rearing facility) must be fed within 6 hours before loading must be provided bedding and room for all animals to lie down at the same time <p>Calves between 5 and 30 days old:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be transported in a way that protects from heat and cold must be in good health, alert, and able to rise from a lying position must have been fed milk or milk replacer within 6 hours of loading and be assembled and transported to ensure delivery in less than 18 hours from last feed, with no more than 12 hours spent on transports <p>All calves under 30 days old must have sufficient space in the trailer to lie down on their sternums.</p>	<p>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Calves 8 days old and under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> can only be transported once (no assembly centers or auction markets) must be loaded individually without having to use ramps must have room to lie down without lying on top of another animal must take measures to prevent suffering, injury, or death during transport (for example, bedding, ventilation, protection from cold) must be provided feed, water, and rest 12 hours after they were last provided feed, water, and rest <p>General requirements for ventilation and temperature monitoring and regulation are applicable to all animals.</p> <p>¹ Note: animals with an “unhealed or infected navel” are defined as unfit for transport. However, regulation guidance indicates that “unhealed” is not considered a restriction on minimum age, as compared with EU regulation, which requires a “completely healed navel.”</p>	<p>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Calves over 14 days old if transported more than 8 hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be given 1 hour to be fed and rested after the first 8 hours and then can be transported a further 9 hours must have access to water within the transport vehicle <p>All calves must be provided bedding, and stocking density cannot exceed 0.30-0.04m²/50 kg animal.</p> <p>General requirements for ventilation and for temperature monitoring and regulation are applicable to all animals.</p>	<p>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Calves under 14 days old:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> can only be transported once must be free from signs of any injury, disease, disability, or impairment that could compromise the welfare during the journey must be alert and able to rise from a lying position, stand and bear weight evenly on all four limbs, and move freely must be able to protect themselves from being trampled or otherwise injured by other calves must be provided ventilation, bedding, and adequate protection from adverse weather (including precipitation) must have room to stand up and lie down in a natural posture <p>General requirements for ventilation, and temperature monitoring and regulation are applicable to all animals.</p>	<p>SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS None</p>

