



# TEYS AUSTRALIA

## Vendor Animal Welfare Requirements

Teys Australia is committed to all cattle being humanely treated throughout the supply chain. This includes vendors committing to Australia's animal welfare legislation and standards.

Vendors selling and transporting cattle to Teys Australia commit to meet the requirements of

- the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for the Land Transport of Livestock (<http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/land-transport/>)
- Meat and Livestock Australia's 'Is It Fit to Load?' Guide (<http://www.mla.com.au/News-and-resources/Publication-details?pubid=5873>)

Vendors must meet the livestock handling practices of these requirements. Vendors are also responsible to make sure their transporters meet these requirements.

Cattle over 6 months must **not** be off feed and water for any more than 48 hours (9.4 of SCARM 77).

All animals must meet the consignment specifications e.g. NVD requirements and Teys Australia Livestock Contract.

Livestock are considered **not** fit for the intended journey when an animal is

- =unable to walk on its own by bearing weight on all legs
- =severely emaciated or visibly dehydrated
- =showing visible signs of severe injury or distress
- =suffering from conditions to cause increased pain or distress during transport
- =blind in both eyes
- =known to be, or visually assessed to be within 4 weeks of calving, unless under veterinary advice with a time off water and a journey of less than 4 hours duration to another property.

Any animal not fit to load must only be transported under veterinary advice. If transporting cattle with lethargy, profuse diarrhoea, disease, wounds or abscesses you should considering the welfare of the animal concerned and the treatment and management options.

Teys Australia will assess cattle supplied and provide feedback to you when these animal welfare requirements are not met. If cruelty is observed, by supplying cattle that are unfit to load or by transporters, this will be investigated and reported to the appropriate authority.