



LPM (UNIT-V) ANIMAL WELFARE (PART IV)

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TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS RULES, 1978.

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These rules may be called the transport of animals, rules, 1978.

2. Definitions :

In these rules,

A. Qualified veterinary surgeon means one who holds a diploma or a degree of a recognised veterinary college. (A)

(B) "schedule" means a schedule appended to these rules.

TRANSPORT OF DOGS AND CATS

3. Rules 4 to 14 shall apply to the transport of dogs and cats of all breeds whether by rail, road, inland.

4. (A) A valid health certificate by a qualified veterinary surgeon to the effect that the dogs and cats are in a fit condition to travel by a rail, road, inland waterway, sea or air and are not showing any sign of infectious or contagious disease including rabies, shall accompany each consignment and the certificate shall be in the form specified in schedule - A.

(B) in the absence of such a certificate, the carrier shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport.

5. No dog or cat in an advanced stage of pregnancy shall be transported.

6. (A) dogs or cats to be transported in the same container shall be of the same species and breed.

(B) unweaned puppies of kittens shall not be transported with adult dogs or cats other than their dams.

(C) no female dog or cat in season (cestrus) shall be transported with any male.

7. (A) any dog or cat reported to be vicious or exhibiting a vicious disposition shall be transported individually in a cage, muzzled and labelled to give warning to the handlers.

(B) in extreme cases, the dogs and cats shall be administered with sedative drugs by a qualified veterinary surgeon.

8. (1) when dogs or cats are to be transported for long distances:

(a) they shall be fed and given water at least two hours prior to their transport and shall not be packed for transport if they are hungry or thirsty this should be done as late as possible before dispatch.

(B) they shall be given adequate water for drinking every four hours in summer or every six hours during winter.

(C) they shall be fed once in twelve hours in the case of adult dogs or cats and they shall be fed once in four hours in the case of puppies and kittens in accordance with the instructions of the consignors if any.

(D) adequate arrangements shall be made for their care and management during the journey.

(2) when the dogs or cats are to be transported by rail involving a journey of more than, six hours, an attendant shall accompany the dogs or cats to supply them with food and water on the way and the attendant shall have access to the dogs or cats for this purpose at all stations and no dog or cat shall

9. Where dogs or cats are to be transported for short distance by road in a public vehicle, the following precautions are to be taken namely:

(A) they shall be put in a cage and the cage containing the dogs or cats shall not be put on the roof of the vehicle but shall be put inside the vehicle .

(b) the vehicle transporting the dogs or cats shall as far as possible maintain constant speed, avoiding sudden stops and reducing effects of shocks and jolts to the minimum.

(C) at least one attendant shall be present at all times during transit who shall ensure that proper transit conditions are observed and shall also provide food and water whenever necessary.

10. WHERE DOGS OR CATS ARE TO BE TRANSPORTED BY AIR:

- (A) The cages shall be properly cleaned and disinfected before the dogs or cats are put in the cages.
- (B) sufficient paddy straw or saw dust or paper cuttings shall be provided for cats in the cages as resting material.
- (C) for international transport, the dogs or cats shall be kept in pressurized compartment with regulated temperature.

11. The size and type of crates for transport of dogs and cats shall conform as clearly as may be to the size and type specified in schedule .

12. All containers of dogs or cats shall be clearly labelled showing the names address and telephone number (if any) of the consignor.

13. The consignee shall be informed about the train or transport arrival or flight number and its time of arrival in advance.

14. Consignment of dogs or cats to be transported by rail or road shall be booked by the earliest passenger or main train or bus and should not be detained after accepting the consignment for booking

TRANSPORT OF MONKEYS

This rule shall apply to the transport of all types of monkeys from the trapping area to the nearest railway station.

(A) A valid health certificate by a qualified veterinary surgeon to the effect that the monkeys are in a fit condition to travel from the trapping area to the nearest unit-head and are not showing any sign of infections or contagious disease shall accompany each consignment.

(B) in the absence of such a certificate, the carrier shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport.

TRANSPORT OF CATTLE

- A valid certificate by a qualified veterinary surgeon to the effect that the cattle are in a fit condition to travel by rail or road and are not suffering from any infectious or contagious or parasitic diseases and that they have been vaccinated against rinderpest .
- In the absence of such a certificate, the carrier shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport.

- The average space provided per cattle in railway wagon or vehicle shall not be less than two square metres.
- Suitable rope and platforms should be used for loading cattle from vehicles.
- Cattle shall be loaded after they are properly fed and given water.
- Cattle in advanced stage of pregnancy shall not be mixed with young cattle in order to avoid stampede during transportation.
- Watering arrangements on route shall be made and sufficient quantities of water shall be carried for emergency.
- Sufficient feed and fodder with adequate reserve shall be carried to last during the journey.
- Adequate ventilation shall be ensured.

TRANSPORT OF SHEEP AND GOATS

- A valid health certificate by a qualified veterinary surgeon to the effect that the sheep and goats are in a fit condition to travel by rail or road and are not suffering from infectious or contagious or parasitic disease shall accompany each consignment.
- In the absence of such a certificate, the carrier shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport.
- Sheep and goats shall be transported separately; but if the lots are small special partition shall be provided to separate them.
- Rams and male young stock shall not be mixed with female stock in the same compartment.
- Sufficient food and fodder shall be carried to last during the journey and watering facility shall be provided at regular intervals.
- Material for padding, such as straw, shall be placed on the floor to avoid injury if an animal lies down, and this shall be not less than 5 cm. Thick.



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