



HEALTH OF ANIMALS REGULATIONS FOR PIG TRANSPORT

TRANSPORT RISK FACTORS

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PRE-TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Review required documents to ensure the planned journey will meet regulatory requirements.

Prior to loading pigs, you must assess the following:

- The expected duration of transport and total time the pigs will spend on the trailer.
- Expected delays during transport and at the destination.
- Expected weather conditions throughout the entire transport process.
- Expected road conditions, such as sharp inclines and declines, and conditions that could cause swaying and vibrations.
- The type and condition of the trailer.
- Space requirements of the pigs, considering the intended journey and expected conditions.
- The expected time that the pigs will be without feed, water and rest.
- Pre-existing conditions (illness, injury, etc.) of all pigs being loaded.
- All pigs to be loaded are free from disease symptoms and fit for transport.
- If applicable, compromised pigs will be able to withstand the intended journey without their condition worsening (when shipped with special measures).
- Handling and restraint methods necessary for loading and transporting the pigs.
- The compatibility of each pig with other animals it will be transported with.



PRE-LOADING ASSESSMENT (REQUIRED BY REGULATION)

- Prior to loading pigs for transport, the regulations require that those involved in the planning and performance of the transport assess:
 - the pigs' capacity to humanely handle the transport, and
 - risk factors that have the potential to impact the pigs' well-being during transport.



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MONITORING THE PIGS DURING TRANSPORT

- The transporter must monitor the pigs in an appropriate manner and frequency to assess the pigs' ability to humanely withstand the remainder of the journey.
- The appropriate frequency will change depending on the condition of the pigs, the driving conditions, and any abnormalities with the load, e.g. irregular noises or movements, or sudden stops.
 - For normal market hogs with no pre-existing conditions being transported with good driving conditions, they may not need to be checked more than once every several hours.
 - However, compromised pigs or pigs being transported in less-than-ideal weather conditions might need to be checked much more frequently.
- If an unforeseen delay or circumstance arises during transportation, such as a pig being noticed to be compromised or unfit during a monitoring check, the transporter's contingency plan must be implemented to minimize animal pain and suffering.

An example contingency plan is available through your provincial pork organization or the Canadian Pork Council.



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- contact your provincial pork organization.
- contact your nearest CFIA area office; or
- visit CFIA's website: inspection.gc.ca/humane

