

Independent Observer summary report on *MV Yangtze Fortune*

Cattle exported to Indonesia in June 2019

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Voyage summary

A consignment of 5,306 cattle were loaded onto the *MV Yangtze Fortune* in Townsville between 7 and 8 June 2019. The vessel departed on 8 June 2019. The first discharge was at Jakarta, Indonesia between 16 and 17 June, the second discharge was at Panjang, Indonesia between 17 and 18 June 2019, making this a 12 day voyage.

An Independent Observer (observer) boarded the vessel in Townsville and remained on board until completion of discharge.

The mortality rate for the cattle was 0.07% (4 mortalities). This does not exceed the reportable mortality rate. The causes of these mortalities were not considered to be linked to any systemic failure by the exporter.

The following comments represent a summary of key observations and has been approved by the observer who accompanied this voyage.

Independent observations of the implementation of procedures to ensure health and welfare of livestock

Exporter documentation

Exporter arrangements were available to address procedures relating to livestock management from loading through to discharge and contingencies.

Loading

The observer did not note any issues with loading. Cattle were loaded in accordance with the load plan.

Personnel

The LiveCorp Accredited Stockperson (stockperson) that accompanied the voyage was experienced and showed care for the cattle's welfare. The observer noted that the stockperson was diligent when checking the cattle, feed and water.

Crew members were professional and vigilant when undertaking their duties to ensure compliance with *Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (Version 2.3) 2011* ([ASEL](#)) requirements.

Daily routine

A management meeting was held each day at 10:00am and was attended by the stockperson, chief officer, bosun and the observer. The stockperson monitored the cattle multiple times during the day. Night watch duties were undertaken by the crew. The crew were observed cleaning water and feed troughs, monitoring cattle and cleaning aisles. Cattle were fed four times each day during the voyage.

Feed and water

Cattle received a full feed at 7:00am and 3:30pm, with two top up feeds during the day. The observer noted that the stockperson was quick to notify the bosun and crew if the water or feed levels became low.

Ventilation

The observer did not note any issues with ventilation.

Pen conditions

The observer noted there were no issues with pad conditions during the voyage. Pad conditions were monitored daily by the stockperson and bosun. There was no deck washing during this voyage.

Health and welfare

During the voyage 5 cattle were treated for lameness and respiratory disease. There were 2 mortalities during loading and 2 during discharge. All 4 cattle were euthanised. The observer noted that the consignment of cattle were in good condition at the end of the voyage.

Discharge

The observer noted that the discharge process was carried out in a professional manner with animal welfare the top priority. Cattle received feed and water during the discharge process.

Conclusion

No animal welfare issues or issues with non-compliance were observed during this voyage.

The exporter arrangements were observed to be implemented during the voyage and to be compliant with the requirements.

Representative photographs of the voyage

Day 2 Cattle in pen—no issues identified



Day 3 Cattle in pen—no issues identified



Day 5 Cattle in pen—no issues identified



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Day 7 Cattle in pen—no issues identified



Day 9 Cattle in pen—no issues identified

