

## **VALE COMMENTS on Report 33 Greyman Express Townsville to Vietnam Nov 2018**

### **Loading**

IO SUMMARY: After loading, some of the larger framed cattle were noted with minor trucking injuries and abrasions.

VALE COMMENT: under ASEL only healthy cattle should be loaded and animals with trucking injuries and abrasions should have been rejected at Port. The loading of these cattle indicates non-compliance to ASEL contrary to IO assertion.

### **Feed and water**

IO SUMMARY: Some larger framed cattle were having some issues with access to feed troughs because of their size. Troughs were placed on the floor in the front of the pens to improve the fodder access.

VALE COMMENT: trough design noted infrequently to be poor for cattle in the IO reports. Throughout the voyage and discharge, the livestock were never without access to good quality uncontaminated fodder.

### **Temperature**

IO SUMMARY: "Temperatures were recorded on each deck immediately before noon on each day using a whirling thermo-hygrometer. The temperature ranges were 30°C - 32°C and humidity ranged from 73% to 80%. The observer noted that deck four flooring was warmer due to the location of the engine under deck four. "

VALE COMMENT: only once daily temperature monitoring.

### **Health and Welfare**

IO SUMMARY: "The older, larger framed line of cattle had a temperament that did not settle during the voyage and initially had a higher incidence of trucking abrasions and minor injuries. Troughs were placed on the floor to improve water and fodder access for the larger framed cattle."

VALE COMMENT: see comments above