

# Independent Observer summary report on *MV Ocean Ute*

## Cattle exported to Indonesia in March 2019

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### Voyage summary

A consignment of 6,014 cattle was loaded onto the *MV Ocean Ute* at Townsville on 14 March 2019. The vessel departed on 15 March 2019. The first port of discharge was Jakarta, Indonesia and with the final discharge completed at Panjang, Indonesia on 27 March 2019, making this a 14 day voyage.

There were no mortalities reported on this voyage.

The following comments represent a summary of key observations from the independent observer (observer). The summary has been approved by the observer who accompanied the voyage.

### 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, including contingencies.

#### Loading

No incidents related to loading, inconsistencies with the load plan, or *Australian Standards for the Export of Livestock (Version 2.3) 2011* ([ASEL](#)) requirements were reported. Stock settled well in the first 24 hours, with the crew working very hard to feed and water all livestock. During this time, whilst there was one admitted to the hospital pen with a minor leg injury, there were no mortalities or other incidents to report.

#### Personnel

Vessel crew included the master, chief officer (CO), officers, engineers, electricians and other crew. LiveCorp Accredited Stockpersons (stockpersons) accompanied the voyage that were responsible for the health and welfare of the livestock.

#### Daily routine

A meeting was held at 10:00am each day to review work plans. Instructions were clarified with the CO who then instructed the crew.

Stockpersons completed their daily checks twice per day and sometimes more frequently as required.

There was a night watchperson on duty.

### **Feed and water**

Pellets were fed to the cattle three times per day, and chaff once each day. Feed was distributed and stored in walkways and thoroughfares before being fed to cattle.

### **Ventilation**

The ventilation system was functional, and effective at maintaining acceptable temperature and relative humidity levels.

### **Pen conditions**

Pen conditions deteriorated as the voyage progressed, resulting in the CO requesting deck washing at the daily meeting on 20 March 2019. The night watch person carried out their usual duties and made preparations for deck washing to commence the following morning when Decks 5, 6 and 7 were washed by the crew. The daily fodder deliveries continued on the bottom decks and immediately after deck washing each level. Deck washing was completed on 22 March 2019.

### **Health and welfare**

Livestock injuries and illnesses were at a minimum with the young and healthy feeders contented in their environment.

### **Discharge**

Discharge commenced after Jakarta, Indonesia entry and continued throughout the night until the required number of cattle were received. Local labour was hired to continue fodder and water delivery to the remaining cattle. Local labour was again utilized in Panjang, Indonesia to continue fodder and water distributions to the remaining cattle. Discharge occurred without incident.

### **Conclusion**

The voyage was successful with no mortalities. The exporter arrangements were observed to be implemented during the voyage and to be compliant with ASEL requirements.

## Representative photographs of the voyage

Day 5 cattle in pen — no issues identified



Day 6 cattle in pen — no issues identified



Day 7 cattle in pen — no issues identified



Day 9 cattle in pen — no issues identified



Day 10 hospital pen — no issues identified



Day 11 cattle feeding — no issues identified

