

## **VALE COMMENTS on Report 41 Ganado Express Townsville to Vietnam November 2018**

### **Ventilation**

VALE COMMENT: Temperature recordings were only taken once daily. Reported conditions were 29 to 30 degrees DBT, 26 to 27 degrees Celsius WBT and humidity averaged 79%. It is interesting that WBTs are included in IO summaries when they are not particularly high.

### **Pen conditions**

IO SUMMARY: "Pad conditions were monitored each day by the stockperson and bosun. Pens were washed on Day 7 of the voyage. The build-up of the pad was not causing distress to the cattle before wash down. "

VALE COMMENT: this is in contrast to IO 22, 1 14 day voyage where pad conditions were inappropriate and no washdown occurred.

### **Health and welfare**

IO SUMMARY: Two of the cattle were spooked by the feeding process and fractured their leg when it was caught on the pen rails. The cattle were euthanased by the stockperson. These two cattle were in the 500 to 700 kilograms bodyweight range and were euthanised using a captive bolt that did not appear to be powerful enough for the size and breed of the cattle. The stockperson showed experience in technique and placement of the captive bolt, however both cattle required six applications of the captive bolt. ....The Master and stockperson were unable to recall what class of activators were available or used on this particular voyage.

VALE COMMENT: It took 6 applications of the captive bolt to kill each beast and the stockperson doesn't remember what class of activators used. Unacceptable death and unacceptable response to an apparently unusually protracted killing procedure.

### **Representative Photos**

Note the very crowded conditions in the photos from Day 6 and Day 8