

VALE COMMENT on REPORT 186: Anna Marra, Broome to Indonesia, September 2019

Voyage length

VALE COMMENT: VALE does not consider 12 days to be shorthaul. Veterinarians are not required on these voyages. A veterinarian should accompany all voyages but especially those exceeding 10 days, previously considered by the Government to be longhaul.

Ventilation

IO SUMMARY: Temperatures experienced throughout the voyage averaged around 29°C dry bulb, 27°C wet bulb and around 83% humidity.

VALE COMMENT: one of the few 'shorthaul' voyage reports to include temperature data.

Pen conditions

IO REPORT: Pen densities were consistent with the load plan and allowed for 50% of cattle to lie down at any one time.

VALE COMMENT: space such that only 50% of cattle can lie at one time is not consistent with OIE recommendations.

Health and welfare

IO REPORT: There were 4 mortalities during the voyage. One mortality was due to misadventure, one animal was humanly euthanised as it did not respond to treatment after sustaining an injury, the cause of the remaining 2 mortalities was undetermined.

VALE COMMENT: cause of mortalities other than lameness is rarely determined on voyages unaccompanied by veterinarians. Stockpersons are not trained in veterinary science.

Representative photographs of the voyage

VALE COMMENT: quality of photos is poor so if these are representative, the photos raise question about IO competency.