

## **VALE COMMENT ON REPORT 93 Jawan Port Alma to Jakarta**

### **Loading**

IO SUMMARY: The only issue observed, during loading, was that the loading ramp from the vessel and the supplied ramp from the Port Alma wharf were not exactly aligned. Cattle were observed jumping and sometimes falling down between the two ramps. The department has notified the exporter about this issue.

VALE SUMMARY: this port rarely used and seemingly has issues which the Dept and/or their representatives have not noted. Good that an IO was present.

### **Daily Routine**

IO SUMMARY: The stockperson did not record treatments by ear tag number, as required by the voyage instructions. Although this was not an animal welfare issue, the department has referred this matter to the exporter.

VALE SUMMARY: this is routine on all voyages thus makes it likely that this report was prepared by a diligent IO. It is worth noting that the AAV on High Mortality Voyage Report 39 was referred to the DPP for not recording ear tag numbers for treatment (a convenient scapegoat for a high mortality voyage) but when it is a stockmen, just a little note to the exporter!

### **Ventilation**

VALE COMMENT: No heat stress noted. However, no mention of temperatures or time and frequency of temperature monitoring. Would an IO who reported a stockman left this out of their report?

### **Health and Welfare**

IO SUMMARY: During the voyage, a number of cattle were treated for conditions that included head trauma, leg injuries, haematomas, lethargy, acidosis and shy feeders.

VALE COMMENT: no causes of mortalities provided. Seems at odds with other IO details : is Dept removing these details?