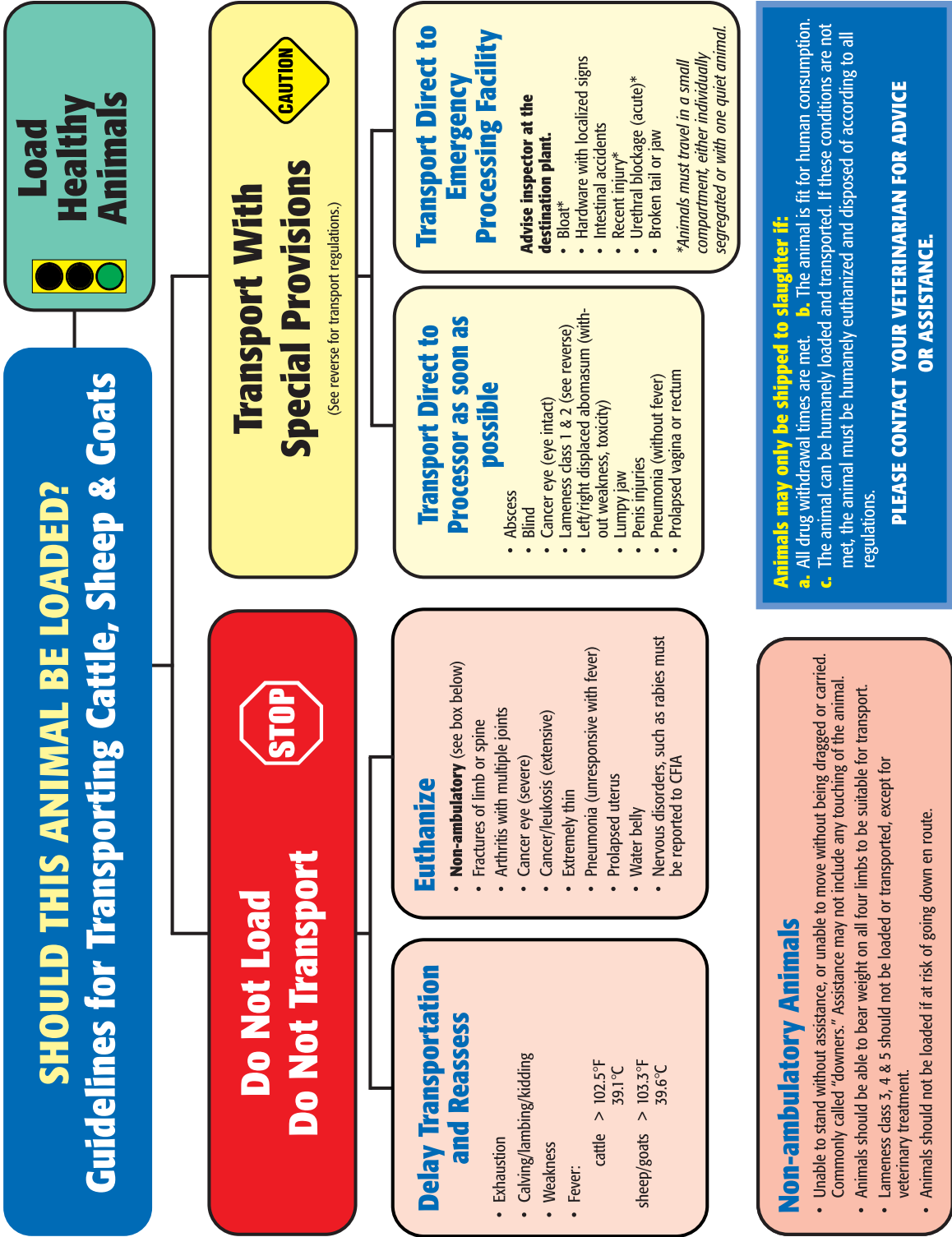




Transport Decision Tree for Cattle, Sheep and Goats



Lameness Classes

These categories can be used to determine the status of an animal's mobility, from normal to non-ambulatory.

Transport as soon as possible

Class 1
Visibly lame but can keep up with the group: no evidence of pain.

Class 2
Unable to keep up; some difficulty climbing ramps. *Load in rear compartment.*

Do Not Load or Transport*

Class 3
Requires assistance to rise, but can walk freely.

Class 4
Requires assistance to rise; reluctant to walk; halted movement.

Class 5
Unable to rise or remain standing.

* Any animal, including Lameness Classes 3, 4 or 5 may be transported for veterinary treatment.

Further Information

Health of Animals Regulations (Federal) www.inspection.gc.ca

CFIA (Transportation Emergencies): 1-877-814-2342

Ontario SPCA: 1-888-ONT-SPCA (668-7722)

OMAFRA Agricultural Information Contact Centre (1-877-424-1300) www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA

Ontario Farm Animal Council (Animal Care Helpline) (519) 837-1326 www.ofacc.org

with safe footholds, in addition to appropriate bedding.

- Ensure that animals unloaded for feed, water and rest remain at least five hours and longer, if necessary, for all animals to receive food and water.
- Ensure that calves too young to exist on hay and grain are provided with suitable food and water at intervals of no more than 18 hours.
- Ensure that animals segregated in trucks receive extra protection from cold and wind chill; supply ample bedding.
- Euthanize animals promptly as the conditions outlined on the reverse occur.

DO NOT

- Transport a sick or injured animal where undue suffering may result, or when the animal is liable to give birth during the journey.
- Continue to transport an animal that is injured, becomes ill, or is otherwise unfit to travel beyond the nearest place it can be treated.
- Mishandle an animal on loading or unloading.
- Use goads or prods on the face, anal, udder or genital area.
- Load or unload animals in a way that would cause injury or undue suffering.
- Crowd animals to such an extent as to cause injury or undue suffering.
- Transport livestock in trailers not designed for safe handling of that species or class of livestock.

Source: *Transporting Livestock by Truck (CFIA)*



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