

ZQAP

Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork



Vehicle Checklist

Transport

1. Whenever possible, pigs must be transported in the cooler part of the day. They must be protected from direct sunlight and exhaust gases from the motor vehicle.
2. Sick and injured pigs should only be transported for purposes of receiving veterinary treatment and must be physically separated from fit pigs if on the same vehicle
3. The vehicle must have:-
 - A free flow of air over all pigs on the load, avoiding exhaust fumes;
 - Partitioning to separate different categories of pigs, or large numbers of the same category, into groups to avoid crushing;
 - A floor that is designed, or adapted by use of sand, bedding etc to minimise slipping;
 - Sides high enough to prevent the animals from jumping out;
 - Internal surfaces and structures that will not cause injury to pigs; and
 - Loading gate(s) large enough to allow free movement of pigs onto and off the vehicle.
4. Floor Space:-
 - Allow 0.4 square metres per 100kg live mass.
5. Loading and Driving:-
 - Loading ramps and platforms must be built or adapted to match vehicle height and loading gate to ensure that pigs cannot escape or fall off;
 - Loading and unloading must be done quietly and with minimum force. The use of boards and rolled plastic bags is recommended. No electric prodders are to be used;
 - Drivers of motor vehicles must do their best to ensure a smooth ride and only stop the vehicle when absolutely necessary; and
 - Owners / managers must have pre-arranged contingency plans for emergencies such as breakdowns at all times.
6. Feeding and Watering:-
 - If journeys are extensive e.g. longer than 24hours, water must be available en-route and preferably food as well where practical.