

Cleansing and disinfection of vehicles

Cleansing and disinfection of vehicles carrying cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, racing pigeons and poultry

[NB: "poultry" means domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea-fowls, quails, pigeons, pheasants, partridges and ratites]

Every vehicle used for the transport of the above animals must be cleansed and disinfected before being loaded and as soon as reasonably practicable after unloading and, in any case, not more than 24 hours after the journey is completed.

Note

From 5th January 2007, there are no longer any exemptions from the above requirements regarding the cleansing and disinfecting of a vehicle after carrying the above livestock.

Cleansing and disinfection of means of transport

- 1. Level of cleansing and disinfection:** All cleansing and disinfection shall be carried out so as to reduce the transmission of disease.
- 2. Method of cleansing:** Cleansing shall be by removing any feeding stuff to which the animals have had access, bedding, excreta and other material of animal origin, mud and other contaminants using appropriate means and then cleaning with water, steam or, when appropriate, chemicals, until free of dirt.
- 3. Disinfection after cleansing:** After cleansing has been completed, anything to be disinfected shall be disinfected, using an 'approved disinfectant'.

Disposal of material after cleansing

All material removed from vehicles after cleansing has been carried out must be:

- (a) destroyed;
- (b) treated to remove the risk of transmission of disease;
- (c) disposed of so that animals have no access to it.

Means of transport leaving a slaughterhouse or sale premises (markets)

If a vehicle has been used to transport stock to a slaughterhouse or sale premises (market) and is to leave empty, without being cleansed and disinfected, the driver shall, before leaving, give a written declaration to the occupier of the slaughterhouse/market, stating where the cleansing and disinfection shall take place. If it is leaving a market empty, it must also have its wheels cleansed and disinfected prior to leaving.

Legislation

The Transport of Animals (Cleansing & Disinfection) (England) (No. 3) Order
2003

Please note

This leaflet is not an authoritative interpretation of the law and is intended
only for guidance.

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