

OABP Synopsis of the New Transport Regulations

The new transport regulations classify specific conditions as **COMPROMISED** and **UNFIT** with accompanying transport requirements. Notably, animals with any degree of lameness are classified as compromised or unfit. **Compromised** animals cannot be sent to an auction market or assembly yard. **Unfit** animals cannot be transported except to receive veterinary care.

	Compromised	Unfit
<p>Conditions Included***</p> <p>See section 136</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild bloat without systemic signs • Mild lameness • Minor vaginal or rectal prolapse • Preventative hobbles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloat with systemic signs • Lameness with signs of pain, halted movement, reluctant to walk, or can't walk on all 4 legs • Severe rectal or vaginal prolapse • Needs hobbles for treatment
<p><i>* Shaded areas indicate conditions with presentations covered in both compromised and unfit</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute frostbite • Bilateral blindness • Unhealed wound following a procedure (includes dehorning and castration) • Non-painful deformity or healed amputation • Penile injuries • Cow in peak lactation¹ • Any other signs of infirmity, illness, injury or of a condition that indicates reduced capacity to withstand transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-ambulatory • Prolapsed Uterus • Painful, mobility impeding fracture • Dehydrated, moribund, or exhausted • Generalized nervous system disorder • Laboured breathing • Severe open wound or laceration • Extremely thin • Hypothermia, hyperthermia, or a fever • A hernia that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ impedes movement (including touching a limb when walking); ○ touches the ground when standing; ○ has an open wound or infection; or ○ causes pain • In the last 10% of pregnancy or within 48 hours of giving birth • Unhealed or infected navel • Gangrenous udder • Severe squamous cell carcinoma of the eye • Any other signs of infirmity, illness, injury or of a condition that indicates it cannot be transported without suffering

<p style="text-align: center;">Transport Requirements</p> <p><i>See section 139 and 140</i></p>	<p>Cannot go to a salesbarn/yard Must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. isolated during transport and individually loaded and unloaded without any ramps in the conveyance 2. transported directly to the nearest slaughter facility or nearest place to receive care 	<p>May only be transported to receive veterinary care if recommended by a veterinarian and with special provisions.</p>
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¹**Lactating Animals** cannot be transported unless milked at regular intervals to prevent mammary engorgement (See Section 142). Animals in “peak” lactation that cannot be milked at regular intervals are classified as compromised and must be transported as such. **Note: Lactating animals who can be milked at regular intervals are not considered compromised.**

It is the interpretation of the OABP committee that dry off prior to shipping will be necessary for all animals in Ontario not going direct to slaughter (ie. <12 hours from farm to slaughter).

Calves of 8 days of age or less can be transported but cannot go to a sales barn or assembly centre until > 8 days of age. (See Section 141).

Calves of 8 days of age or less can be transported for up to 12 hours if:

- stops are made only to add additional calves on the way to the final destination (which cannot be a sales barn or assembly yard);
- calves are loaded and unloaded individually in conveyances that do not contain internal ramps;
- and calves are able to lie down without lying on top of each other and are segregated from other livestock >8 days of age

Unweaned calves of >8 days too young to be fed exclusively on hay or grain. (see section 143)

Depending on management practices this would apply to ruminants from >8 days to 8-12 weeks when able to eat hay and grain.

- Calves of this age can go through sales barns or assembly yards
- They can be transported up to 12 hours and then must be provided feed, water and rest (provision 152.2 (3)).

Feed, safe water and a rest period of 8 consecutive hours must be provided at intervals that do not exceed:

- **12 hours** for compromised animals
- **36 hours** for other ruminants

Other sections included in the transport regulations that are not specifically summarized here include:

- Animal handling (Section 144)
- Space requirements and animal comfort (Sections 146 to 149)
- Transfer of care and required records (Sections 153, 154)
- Transporter and carrier requirements (Sections 138, 150, 151)

This document is intended to be a brief summary of pertinent aspects of the changing regulations that will affect Canadian producers (dairy and beef) and bovine veterinarians. This does not serve as a replacement for reading the entire document which can be found at <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2019/2019-02-20/html/sor-dors38-eng.html>.

An accompanying guidance document is also available at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/humane-transport/interpretive-guidance/eng/1480700699158/1480700769747?chap=3#s9c3>