

11th July 2017

Dear Valued Client,

Re Animal Welfare Requirements

NZ Farmers Livestock and our clients have obligations under NZ Animal Welfare legislation, and we are guided by the Codes of Welfare provided by the Ministry of Primary Industries. They are available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/codes-of-welfare/>.

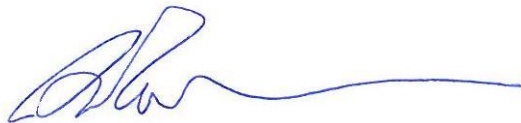
The mobile app '[Fit for Transport](#)' is also available in the App store to assist decision-making in this area.

Please note that NZ Farmers Livestock must comply with the legal requirements in place, that animals presented at sale yards must be 'Fit for Transport', and that animals otherwise bought and sold must meet the requirements made clear in the legislation. This includes the rules specific to young calves.

If animals presented do not meet these minimum requirements they will either be rejected prior to unloading at a sale yard (in which case the owner should arrange appropriate veterinary attention), or if received into the sale yard, they will be held aside and further action guided by a veterinarian.

We are not legally allowed to reload an animal considered not fit for transport. Our yard staff will be making this call based on the materials and veterinary advice referred to above.

NZ Farmers Livestock support treatment of animals in line with approved welfare codes. We note that breaches of the animal welfare law may result in prosecution of the sale yard, transporter or vendor/owner.



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