

Rate Instruction No. 99 of 2000
Government of India (Pharat Sarkar)
Ministry of Railways (Rail Mantralaya)
(Railway Board)

NO.TCR/2211/2000/12

New Delhi, dated 15.11.2000.

The General Managers (Comml.)
All Indian Railways.

Sub:- Transportation of animals by rail.

While transporting animals by train, Railway Administrations are required to observe the conditions laid down in the Transport of Animals, Rules, 1978 framed by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (h) of sub-section 2 of Section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960). A copy of the Transport of Animals Rules 1978 is annexed with this letter.

2. Special emphasis may be laid to the observance of the following instructions in regard to transportation of cattle (cow, bulls, bullocks, buffaloes, yaks and calves) by rail:-

i) Number of cattle to be booked in different type of wagons with or without suckling will be as under:-

	<u>BG</u>	<u>MG</u>	<u>NG</u>
Horned cattle	10	6	4
Calves and sucklings of Horned cattle	15	10	6
Adult cattle with sucklings	8	4	3

In no case, the number of cattle loaded in a 4-wheeler wagon shall exceed the above mentioned quantity. In case of 8-wheeler wagons, the number will be double the above quantity and in case of 6-wheeler wagons, the number will be 1.5 times more.

ii) The consignor is required to fulfill the following conditions while offering cattle traffic for movement by rail from one place to another:-

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- (a) While submitting the forwarding note for the cattle consignment, the consignor shall indicate his full address as well as full address of the consignee and also furnish a statement on the compliance of the following items.
- (b) The consignor shall submit a valid certificate issued by a qualified veterinary surgeon to the effect that the cattle are in a fit condition to travel by rail and are not suffering from any infectious, contagious or parasitic disease and that they have been vaccinated against rinderpest and any other infectious, contagious or parasitic disease. The certificate shall be in the form specified under the Transportation of Animals Rules 1978(copy enclosed).
- (c) The consignor shall provide a label around the neck of each cattle showing in bold red letters, the name, address and telephone number(if any) of the consignor and consignee, the number and type of cattle being transported and quantity of rations and food provided. He will also indicate in the label the certificate number with date issued by the veterinary surgeon.
- (d) The consignor shall also arrange sending one attendant for a 4-wheeler wagon and 6-wheeler wagon and two attendants for an 8-wheeler wagon who will accompany the animals all through transit furnishing their names and indemnity bonds as required for the purpose covering the risk to the Railways for any injury or death caused to such attendants during such travel in goods wagons as well as covering the risk of the Railways against any damage or loss arising from fire caused by smoking, cooking or carrying of open light mineral oil lamp including hurricane lantern by such attendant. The consignor will provide a declaration that these attendants accompanying the cattle will look after the well being of the cattle during transit as required under Section 3 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. Such attendants will be allowed to travel free of charge if they travel in the same wagon accompanying the animals.
- (e) The consignor shall also ensure that veterinary first aid equipment are provided with the attendants in each wagon.
- (f) The consignor shall also inform the consignee about the train in which the consignment of cattle is being dispatched and its likely arrival time in advance.
- (g) The consignor shall not load cattle more than the number of stipulated in para 2(i) above. While loading in wagons, consignor shall ensure that the cattle are positioned parallel to the rails facing each other. Two breast bars shall be provided by him in 4-wheeler and 6-wheeler wagons and 4 breast bars in 8-wheeler wagon.

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- (h) The consignor shall also provide ramp or ramps in adequate numbers to facilitate disembarkation in exigency. The ramps should be 5 mtr long and 1.5 mtr wide, and strongly built without any gaps or holes in it.
- (i) Consignor shall provide padding such as straw on the floor of the wagons to avoid injury to the cattle. The padding shall not be less than 6 cm thick.
- (j) The consignor shall provide the attendants with rations for the cattle during the journey in adequate quantity taking into account all exigencies.
- (k) Cattle shall be loaded after they are properly fed and given water.
- (l) The consignor should instruct the attendant to ensure adequate ventilation for the cattle during transit and take necessary steps against fire hazard. They must keep the wagon doors properly latched.
- (m) The consignor shall also ensure that at least two drums are provided in each 4-wheeler or 6-wheeler wagons and 4 drums in an 8-wheeler wagon to store water for the cattle during transit. The attendant shall fill up these drums at the loading station and also refill them whenever the train is provided suitable stoppage.
- (n) The attendant shall milk the cattle in milk at least twice a day and the calves shall be given sufficient quantity of milk to drink.
- (o) The consignor is also required to obtain a certificate from the District Magistrate or an authorized State Govt. official granting clearance to the movement of cattle from the State to another destination.
- (iii) Railway Administration shall allow loading and unloading of cattle only at such stations or goods sheds that are provided with high level platforms.
- (iv) Railway Administration shall also provide watering arrangements at all such stations/platforms where loading or unloading of cattle normally takes place.
- (v) While booking the consignment, Railway staff shall supervise the loading and ensure that the number of cattle loaded in each wagon are not in excess of the quantity allowed in para 2(i)

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The Railway staff shall not accept the consignment for transport in absence of all the required documents i.e.:-

1. Forwarding note
2. Indemnity Bond covering all the attendants and all the wagons
3. Certificate of the qualified veterinary surgeon covering all the animals.
4. Certificate from the State Govt. authorities (for example District Magistrate) allowing such movement.
5. Export permit of the Govt., if the consignment is booked to a foreign country, along with details of L.C. and other documents.
6. Declarations as stipulated under para 2(ii) and (a) and (d) above.

(vi) Railway Administration shall make best effort to provide adequate halt to such trains after a journey of 10 to 12 hours to enable the attendants to draw water from the station to refill the drums.

(vii) The Station Manager at destination shall take a declaration from the consignee before delivery that the cattle are not meant for slaughter, if there is a ban on cow slaughter in the state.

These instructions will come into effect from 1.12.2000.

(Hindi version follows)

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Dated the 23.3.78

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (h) of sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960); the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, the same having been previously published as required by the said Section, namely:-

Transport of Animals, Rules, 1978

CHAPTER -IV
TRANSPORT OF CATTLE

46. Rules 47 to 56 shall apply to the transport by rail or of cows, bulls, bullocks, buffaloes, yaks and calves, (hereinafter in these rules referred to as (Cattle).
47. (a) A valid certificate by a qualified veterinary surgeon to the effect that the cattle are in a fit condition to travel by rail or road and are not suffering from any infectious or contagious or parasitic diseases and that they have been vaccinated against rinderpest and any other infectious or contagious or parasitic diseases shall accompany each consignment.
- (b) In the absence of such a certificate, the carrier shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport.
- (c) The certificate shall be in the form specified in Schedule-H.

48. Veterinary first-aid equipment shall accompany all batches of cattle.
49. (a) Each consignment shall bear a label showing in bold red letters the name, address and telephone number (if any) of the consignor and consignee the number and types of cattle being transported and quantity of rations and food provided.
- (b) The consignee shall be informed about the train or vehicle in which the consignment of cattle is being sent and its arrival time in advance.
- (c) The consignment of cattle shall be booked by the next train or vehicle and shall not be detained after the consignment is accepted for booking.
50. The average space provided per cattle in Railway wagon or vehicle shall not be less than two square metres.
51. (a) Suitable rope and platforms should be used for loading cattle from vehicles.
- (b) In case of railway wagon the dropped door of the wagon may be used as a ramp when loading or unloading is done to the platform.
52. Cattle shall be loaded after they are properly fed and given water.
53. Cattle in advanced stage of pregnancy shall not be mixed with young cattle in order to avoid stampede during transportation.
54. (1) Watering arrangements on route shall be made and sufficient quantities of water shall be carried for emergency.
- (2) Sufficient feed and fodder with adequate reserve shall be carried to last during the journey.
- (3) Adequate ventilation shall be ensured.
55. When cattle is to be transported by rail;
- (a) An ordinary goods wagon shall carry not more than ten adult cattle or fifteen calves on broad gauge, not more than six adult cattle or ten calves on metre gauge, or not more than four adult cattle or six calves on narrow gauge;
- (b) Every wagon carrying cattle shall have at least one attendant;
- (c) Cattle shall be loaded parallel to the rails, facing each other;

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- (d) Rations for padding, such as straw, shall be placed on the floor to avoid injury if a cattle lies down and this shall not be less than 6 cms thick.
- (e) Rations for the journey shall be carried in the middle of the wagon;
- (f) To provide adequate ventilation, upper door of one side of the wagon shall be kept open properly fixed and the upper door of the wagon shall have wire gauge closely welded mesh arrangements to prevent burning cinders from the engines entering the wagon and leading to fire outbreak;
- (g) Cattle wagons should be attached in the middle of the train.
- (h) Cooking shall not be allowed in the wagons nor hurricane lamps without chimneys;
- (i) Two breast bars shall be provided on each side of the wagon, one at height of 60 to 80 cm and the other at 100 to 110cm.
- (j) Cattle-in-milk shall be milked at least twice a day and the calves shall be given sufficient quantity of milk to drink.
- (k) As far as possible, cattle may be moved during the nights only;
- (l) During day time, if possible, they should be unloaded, fed, given water and rested and if in milk, milking shall be carried out.

56. When cattle are to be transported by goods vehicle the following precautions are to be taken namely:-

- (a) Specifically fitted goods vehicles with a special type of tail board and padding around the sides should be used;
- (b) Ordinary goods vehicles shall be provided with anti-slipping material, such as coir matting or wooden board on the floor and the superstructure, if low, should be raised;
- (c) No goods vehicle shall carry more than six cattle;
- (d) Each goods vehicle shall be provided with one attendant;
- (e) While transporting the cattle, the goods vehicle shall not be loaded with any other merchandise; and
- (f) To prevent cattle being frightened or injured, they should preferably face the engine.

PROFORMA FOR CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS OF CATTLE FOR
TRANSPORTATION BY RAIL

(Under Rule 47, Schedule H of Transport of Animals, Rules, 1978)

This Certificate should be completed and signed by a qualified Veterinary Surgeon.

Date and time of examination.....

Species of Cattle.....

Number of Railway Wagons.....number of
cattle.....

Sex..... Age.....

Breed and identification marks, if any.....

Transported from To.....Via

I hereby certify that I have read Rules 46 to 56 in Chapter IV of the Transport of Animals Rules, 1978.

1. That, at the request of (consignor) I examined the above mentioned Cattle in the goods vehicles/railway wagons not more than 12 hours before the departure.
2. That each cattle appeared to be in a fit condition to travel by rail/road and is not showing any signs of infectious or contagious or parasitic disease and that it has been vaccinated against rinderpest and any other infectious or contagious or parasitic disease(s)
3. That the cattle were adequately fed and watered for the purpose of the journey.
4. That the cattle have been vaccinated.
 - a) Type of vaccine:
 - b) Date of vaccination:

Signed

Address.....

Qualifications.....

Date:

Registration No.....

Seal.....