

# Transportation Decisions for Unfit Dairy Cattle

## Do Not Transport

Very thin and weak<sup>BSE</sup>

Severe Cancer Eye

Downer cattle<sup>BSE</sup>

Nervous disorder indicative  
of infection or poisoning<sup>BSE</sup>

Unresponsive infection with  
continuing fever over 104°F

Prolapsed Uterus

Infectious arthritis affecting  
more than two joints

Deep wound and/or  
Profuse bleeding

Bone fractures<sup>BSE</sup>

Dehydration or exhaustion

Congestive Heart Failure with  
brisket and abdominal fluid

Animals that are within  
48 hours of giving birth

<sup>BSE</sup> Animals over 30 months of age in these categories are among the '4D' groups (downers, diseased, distressed, dead) desired for BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy: 'Mad Cow Disease') testing.

## Transport Only with Special Provisions

Lactating cows

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Penis injury

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Visibly lame, unable to  
keep up with group

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②  
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Blindness

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Slick - little winter hair or  
coming from warm barn

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Amputated limb

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Udder conditions

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②  
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Calves under 8 days of age

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Displaced Abomasum

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⑥

Animals at risk of becoming  
non-ambulatory in transport

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Frozen or frostbitten teats

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Rectal Prolapse

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Cancer Eye but  
cow can still see

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⑥

Respiratory distress

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Lumpy Jaw

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### Special Provisions

- ① Ship promptly and directly to nearest suitable abattoir. Call facility first to ensure prompt access. Do not market through auction.
- ② Ship in separate rear compartment with ample bedding.
- ③ Do not load with steep ramps (more than 25°).
- ④ Dry off lactating cows.
- ⑤ Ship with another quiet companion animal.
- ⑥ Do not ship to market.