

## 6. SOP 3 – Cattle Shipping

The VBP requirements in this section are designed to assist you to ship cattle to slaughter without drug residues or unknown broken needles.

Ensure that all family members/staff or volunteers that help with shipping cattle understand your procedures and what records to check prior to loading cattle.

This includes:



- A records check for all drug withdrawal requirements and broken needles is completed before cattle are shipped to slaughter. This includes processing/treating records and all records where broken needles may be recorded.

- The check for drug withdrawal requirements is identified in your records, with date.
- If cattle are being shipped or sold other than directly to slaughter, and they have not met their drug withdrawal times, then the next owner is informed of the products and required withdrawal time(s) for those particular cattle.
- Remember that cattle sold and not intended for slaughter may sometimes end up in emergency slaughter such as a broken leg in transit or upon arrival.
- If cattle contain a broken needle, next owner is informed including the identification of the animal. Alternatively, the individual animal is euthanized or slaughtered for own use.
- Cattle liners and trailers used to haul cattle are checked prior to loading to avoid possible chemical contamination from previous cargo, as applicable.



If something goes wrong:

- If cattle are inadvertently shipped without meeting withdrawal times or suspected broken needle, next owner or slaughter plant is informed and this contact date/information is recorded.
- If prior to shipping it is discovered that withdrawals have not been met, slaughter cattle are held for the required withdrawal time period.
- Treatment records and/or shipping activities are reviewed so that error is not repeated.
- Copies of drug residue information from processing and packing plant are kept on file, for any cattle shipped to slaughter and identified with a chemical residue.