

भारत सरकार(GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)
रेल मंत्रालय(MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS)
रेलवे बोर्ड (RAILWAY BOARD)

No. TCR/2211/2018/01

New Delhi, dated: ||.10.2018

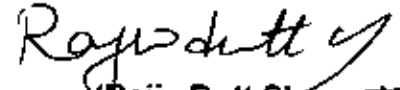
**General Manager,
All Indian Railways.**

Sub: Transportation of livestock (including Pigs) by Rail.

**Ref: Board's Rates Instructions No.99 of 2000 dated 15.11.2000; &
No.92 of 2001 dated 16.10.2001.**

1. Please find enclosed copies of above referred Board's Rates Instruction No.99 of 2000 dated 15.11.2000 and Rates instruction No.92 of 2001 dated 16.10.2001 along with its enclosures, regarding transportation of animals (including Pigs) by rail.
2. In compliance to Transport of Animal Rules, 1978, promulgated under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 and verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No.24 of 2004; guidelines issued vide Board's Rates Instructions are hereby reiterated to ensure strict compliance of the various conditions communicated for transportation of animals/livestock including pigs by rail under the powers conferred by Clause (h) of Sub Section 2 of Section 38 of the above mentioned Act, 1960.
3. Please ensure that the instructions are issued to all concerned staff so that there is no failure in implementation. Particular care need to be taken in respect of loading of animal/livestock including pigs at all loading/unloading points.
4. All other terms and conditions stipulated in Rates Instruction No.99 of 2000 and 92 of 2001 shall continue to apply unchanged.

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(Rajiv Dutt Sharma)

**Additional Member (Commercial)
(Railway Board)**

**Government of India (Bharat Sarkar)
Ministry of Railways (Rail Mantralaya)
(Railway Board)**

No.TCR/2211/2000/12

New Delhi, dated 16.10.2001

The General Managers (CommI),
All Indian Railways

Sub: Transportation of livestock (including Pigs) by rail.

Ref: Board's letter of even number dated 15.11.2000(Rate
Instruction No.99 of 2000).

In continuation of Board's letter of even number dated 15.11.2000(Rate instruction No.99 of 2000), please find enclosed a copy of Chapter VIII and chapter IX of Gazette of India Extraordinary, part II Section 3, Sub-section (ii) published by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Notification dated 26/03.2001 regarding transportation of Pigs by rail. Also find enclosed a copy of draft correction slip modifying Rules 403,404. 410, 411 & 417 of the Goods Tariff No. 41 Pt.I Vol.I concerning transportation of livestock (Including Pigs).

A formal correction slip will be issued by the General Secretary Indian Railway Conference Association.

Orders regarding transportation of "pigs "will have immediate effect.

Please ensure strict compliance of various conditions mentioned in the above referred chapters as also in the draft correction slip

Please ensure that the instruction are issued to all concerned staff so that there is no default in implementation. Particular care need to be taken in respect of all loading point of livestock and their acknowledgement of having received these instruction be obtained. Commercial Inspector "at Headquarters of the Zonal Railways should conduct periodical surprise check to verify compliance of these instructions.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Sd/-
(K.K. Sharma)
Director, Traffic CommI(Rates)
Railway Board

DA:As above

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No.TCR/221/2000/12

New Delhi, dated 16.10.2001

Copy for information to:

- OSDs, All Indian Railways.
- COM, All Indian Railways
- Executive Director, CRIS Chanakyapur, New Delhi -23
- Managing Director, Konkan Railway Corporation, Belapur Bhavan, Sector 11 CBD Belapur New Mumbai-400614
- Director General, Railway Staff College Vadodara.
- The Chief Administrative office, FOIS , Tilak Bridge, Northern Railway, New Delhi.
- GS/IRCA, New Delhi. Please connect Board's letter of even number dated 15.11.2000(Rate Instruction No. 99 of 2000) and issue necessary correction slip to Chapter IV of Goods Tariff No.41 Pt.I Vol. I as per draft correction slip.

Rules under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

Issued by the
Animal Welfare Board of India
(Establishment by Government of India)
Madras-600 018
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NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 26th March, 2001

In exercise of powers conferred by New Delhi, the 26th March, 2001 of sub-section(1) of section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960) the Central Government hereby makes the following rules,

Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001

Chapter-VIII

TRANSPORT OF PIGS BY RAIL.

85. **Definition-** In this Chapter unless context otherwise requires, "pigs" includes piglets hoglets and animals of pigs family.
86. **Duration of travel-** Rules 87 of 95 shall apply to the transport of pigs by rail involving Journey of more than six hours.
87. **Health certificate-** (1) A valid health certificate by Veterinary Doctor to the effect that the pigs are in a fit condition to travel by rail and are not suffering from infectious or contagious or parasitic disease, shall accompany each consignment in the transport of pigs by rail.
- (2) In the absence of certificate under sub-rule(1), the carrier (Railway) shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport.
- (3) The certificate under sub rule(1) shall be in a form specified in Schedule K(Copy attached).
88. **Identification of consignor and consignee-** For the purpose of this chapter
- (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 type of pigs being transported and quantity of rations and food provided to them
- (b) The consignee shall be informed in advance about the wagon(s) in which the consignment of pigs is being sent and its likely arrival time.

- (c) The consignment of pigs shall be booked by the next train and shall not be detained after the consignment is accepted for booking

89. **First aid-** In transport of pigs by rail.

- (a) first aid equipment shall accompany the pigs.
- (b) suitable ramps shall be provided for loading and unloading the pigs.
- (c) in the case of railway wagon when the loading or unloading is done on the platform the dropped door of the wagon shall be used as a ramp.

90. **Group of pigs -** In transport of pigs by rail, male young stock shall not be mixed with female stock in the same compartment.

91. **Facility of food and water-** In transport of pigs by rail sufficient food and fodder shall be carried to last during the journey and watering facility shall be provided at regular intervals.

92. **Padding of floor during travel-** In transport of pigs by rail material for padding such as straw shall be placed on the floor to avoid injury if an animal lies down, and this shall be not less than 5 cm thick.

93. **Ban on fettering-** In transport of pigs by rail, the animals shall not be fettered unless there is risk of their jumping out and their legs shall not be tied down.

94. **Space requirement during rail travel-** In transport of pigs by rail-

- a) No railway wagon shall accommodate more than the number of pigs as specified in the table below:

Broad Gauge		Metre Gauge		Narrow Gauge
Area of wagon - Area of wagon		Area of wagon - Area of wagon		Not allowed
Less than 21.1 Square Mt.	More than 21.1 Square Mt.	Less than 12.5 Square Mt.	More than 12.5 Square Mt.	
No. Of pigs 35	No. Of pigs 50	No. Of pigs 25	No. Of pigs 30	

(b) adequate ventilation shall be provided in every wagon and the upper door of one side of wagon shall be kept open and 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 breakout.

CHAPTER IX MISCELLANEOUS

96. Issue of certificate before transportation:-

(1) A valid certificate issued by an officer or any person or Animal Welfare Organisation duly recognised and authorised for this purpose by the Animal Welfare Board of India or the Central Government shall be procured by any person making transport of any animal before transportation of such animal verifying that all the relevant Central and State Acts, rules and orders pertaining to the said animals including the rules relating to transport of such animals have been duly complied with and that the animal is not being transported for any purpose contrary to the provision of any law.

(2) In the absence of such certificate, the carrier shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport.

Explanation:- For the purpose of this rule the certificate shall be issued in such form as may be specified for this purpose by the Central Government.

97. Cancellation of permit or authorisation for transport:-

- (1) In the event of contravention or non compliance of any of the rules contained in these rule for transport of animals, if it is pointed out in writing by any officer or persons or Animal Welfare Organisation authorised for this purpose by the Animal Welfare Board of India or the Central Government, then any permit or authorisation issued for such transport shall be immediately cancelled by the concerned authority and it shall be the duty of the police to stop the further transport even from the intermediary station and proceed against the said offenders and deal with the animal in accordance with law.
- (2) The custody of the animals immediately after unloading from the rail wagons shall be given to the authorised Animal Welfare Organisation if available, till the competent authority or the magistrate having jurisdiction decides about their care and upkeep.

98. General conditions of transport:-

(1) Animals to be transported shall be healthy and in good condition and such animals shall be examined by a veterinary doctor for freedom from infectious diseases and their fitness to undertake the journey; provided that the nature and duration of the proposed journey shall be taken into account while deciding upon the degree of fitness.

(2) An animal which is unfit for transport shall not be transported and the animals who are new born, diseased, blind emaciated, lame, fatigued or having given birth during the preceding seventy two hours or likely to give birth during transport shall not be transported.

(3) Pregnant and very young animals shall not be mixed with other animals during transport.

(4) Different classes of animals shall be kept separately during transport.

(5) Diseased animals, whenever transported for treatment, shall not be mixed with other animals.

(6) Troublesome animals shall be given tranquilisers before loading during transport.

(7) Animals shall be transported in their on-farm social groups (established atleast one week prior to journey.)

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SCHEDULE K
(see rule 87(3))

PROFORMA FOR CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS TO TRAVEL PIGS

(This certificate should be completed and signed by Veterinary doctor)

Date and time of examination

Species of Animals

Number of Animals

Sex _____, Age _____

I hereby certify that I have read Rules 86 to 95 in
Chapter VIII of the transport of Animals Rules, 1978.

1. That at the request of (cosignor) _____
examined the above mentioned animals not more than 12
hours before their departure
2. That each appeared to be in a fit condition to travel by rail
and is not showing signs of any infectious or contagious
or parasitic disease (S) and that it has been vaccinated
against any infectious or contagious disease (s).
3. That the animals were adequately fed and watered for the
purpose of the journey.
4. That the animals have been vaccinated.
(a) Type of vaccine (s):
(b) Date of vaccination:

Date _____

Signed _____

Address _____

Qualification _____

Seal (Stamp)

Note: The principal rules were published in Gazette of India
vide Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
(Department of Agriculture), Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi number 18-
6/70 LDI dated 23.3.1978.

Chapter IV of Goods tariff No. 41, Pt.I, Vol.I- Rules and rates for Livestock and other animals.

Page- 64, Rule- 403: Substitute the first three sentences of first para of the Rule as under:

Rule-403. Attendants, Fodder, buckets, etc.- " No consignments of livestock and other animals will be accepted for conveyance unless each wagon load of animals is accompanied by an attendant or attendants, according to circumstances as specified below and with fodder to feed the animals on the journey, and at least two drums are providing each 4-wheeled or 6-wheeled wagons and four drums and 8 wheeler wagon to store water from which the animals can be given water. The attendant shall fill up these drums at the loading station and also refill them whenever the train is provided suitable stoppage. The fodder ,bucket and drums will be carried free, vide Rule NO. 416 The attendant or attendants will also be carried free as per scale given below:"

Page-65-Insert the following as Rule 404A below the existing Rule 404:

Rule- 404A, Transportation – While transporting cattle (cows, bulls, bullocks, buffaloes, yaks and calves) by train, Railway Administrations are required to observe the following Rules laid down in the Transport of Animals Rules, 1978 framed by the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

1. While submitting the forwarding Note for the cattle consignment, the consignor shall indicate his full address as also that of the consignee and also furnish a statement on the compliance of the following items:-
 - (a) The consignor shall submit a valid certificate issued by a qualified veterinary surgeon to the effect that the cattle are in 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 degree of fitness will be decided taking into account the approximate journey period. The certificate shall be in the form (copy enclosed) specified under the Transportation of Animals Rules, 1978 and is also notified in the Goods tariff as Appendix 1/14.
 - (b) The cosigner shall provide a label on each wagon showing in bold rd letters, the name, address and telephone No. (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.

- (c) The consignor shall also arrange sending attendants (s). He will provide a declaration that attendants (s) 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. The attendants will be allowed to travel on furnishing an unstamped Indemnity Note (as per proforma at Appendix 1/10) 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.
- (d) The consignor shall also ensure that Veterinary first aid equipment is provided with the attendants in each wagon.
- (e) 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.
- (f) The consignor shall not load cattle more than the number stipulated in the modified rule 411 (2) (a). while loading in wagons, consignor shall ensure that the cattle are positioned parallel to rails facing each other. Two breast bars shall be provided by him in 4-wheeler and 6-wheeler wagons and four breast bars in 8-wheeler wagons.
- (g) The consignor shall also provide ramp or ramps in adequate numbers to facilitate disembarkation in exigency. The ramps should be 5 metres long and 1.5 metres wide, and strongly built without any gaps or holes in it.
- (h) The 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.
- (i) The consignor shall provide the attendants with rations for the cattle during the journey in adequate quantity taking into account all exigencies.
- (j) Cattle shall be loaded after they are properly fed and given water.
- (k) The consignor should instruct the attendant to ensure adequate ventilation for the cattle during transit and take necessary steps against fire hazards. they must keep the wagon doors properly latched.
- (l) 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.

- (m) The consignor is also required to obtain a certificate from the district Magistrate or an authorized State Government official granting clearance to the movement of the cattle from the State to another destination.
- (n) Railway Administration shall allow loading and unloading of cattle only at such stations or goods sheds that are provided with high level platforms.
- (o) Railway Administration shall also provide watering arrangements at all such stations/platforms where loading or unloading of cattle normally takes place.
- (p) While booking the consignment, Railway staff shall supervise the loading and ensure that number of cattle loading each wagon do not exceed the number allowed under modified Rule 411 (2) (a). Any lapse in this regard shall be viewed seriously.
- (q) Railway Administration shall make best efforts to provide adequate halt trains after a journey of 10 to 12 hours to enable the attendants to draw water from the station to refill the drums.
- (r) 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.
- (s) The Railway staff shall not accept the cattle consignments for transport in absence of any of the required documents i.e.:-
 - (a) Forwarding Note
 - (b) Indemnity Note covering all the attendants and all the wagons as per Appendix 1/10.
 - (c) Certificate of the qualified Veterinary Surgeon covering all the animals as per Appendix 1/14.
 - (d) Certificate from the State Government Authorities (e.g. district Magistrate) allowing such movements.
 - (e) Export permit of the Government, if the consignment is booked to a foreign country, along with details of L.C. and other documents.
 - (f) Declaration of compliance as stipulated under Rule 404 A. (1).

Page 66, Rule 410 (1): The words "Class 220-B" appearing in 4th line of this Rule be amended to read as "Class 220" w.e.f. 1.4.2000

Page-66, Rule 410 (2) (a): Revise the number of pigs mentioned in the Rule as under:

Gauge	Number of pigs (revised)
Broad Gauge	
Animals loaded in a 4- wheeled wagon.	35
Animals loaded in a 8- wheeled wagon.	50
Metro Gauge	
Animals loaded in a 4- wheeled wagon.	25
Animals loaded in a 8- wheeled wagon.	35
Narrow Gauge	Not allowed

The existing numbers of sheep and goats as specified in the Rule remain unchanged.

Page-67- Insert the following Rule as 410A below the existing Rule 410:

Rule- 410A. Transportation- While transporting pigs (including piglets, hogs, hoglets and animals of pigs family) by Rail, Railway Administration are required to observe the following Rules laid down in transport of animals, Rules 2001 framed by Government of India, Ministry of social Justice & Empowerment, in exercise of powers conferred by Sub-section 38 of prevention to Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960):-

- (1) **Health certificate-** (a) A valid certificate by a veterinary doctor to the effect that the pigs are in a fit condition to travel by rail and are not suffering from any infectious, contagious or parasitic disease, shall accompany each consignment in the transport of pigs by rail.

(b) In the absence of a certificate under sub-rule (a), the Railway shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport. (C) The certificate under sub rule (a) shall be as per proforma (Appendix 1/15).
- (2) **Identification of consignor and consignee-** 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 type of pigs being transported and quantity of rations and food provided to them. The consignee informed in advance about the wagons the consignment of pigs is being send and its likely arrival time. The consignment shall be booked by the next train and shall not be detained after the consignment is accepted for booking.

(3) **First aid** – First aid equipment shall accompany the pigs, suitable ramps shall be provided for loading and unloading the pigs and in the case of a railway wagon, when the loading or unloading is done on the platform the dropped door of the wagon shall be used as a ramp.

(4) **Group of Pigs**- Male young stock shall not be mixed with female stock in the same wagon.

(5) **Facility of food and water** – Sufficient food and fodder shall be carried to last during the journey and watering facility shall be provided at regular intervals.

(6) **Padding of floor during travel** – Material for padding, such as straw, shall be placed on the floor to avoid injury if an animal lies down, and this shall be not less than 5 cm. thick.

(7) **Ban on fettering** – The animals shall not be fettered unless there is risk of their jumping out and their legs shall not be tied down.

(8) **Space requirement during rail travel** – No railway wagon shall accommodate more than the number of pigs as specified in Rule 410(2)(a) above. Parcel vans (SLRs) shall not be used for carriage of Pigs. Adequate ventilation shall be provided in every wagon and the upper door of one side of wagon shall be kept open and 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 wagons and leading to fire breakout.

Page 67 Rule 411(1): The words Class "220-B" appearing in 4th line of this rule be amended to read as Class "200" w.e.f. 1.4.2000.

Page 68 – Rule 411(2) (a): Revise the number of cattle mentioned in the Rule as under:

	BG 4- wheeler	MG 4- wheeler	NG 4- wheeler
Horned cattle	10	6	4
Calves and sucklings of Horned cattle	15	10	6
Adult cattle with sucklings	8	4	3
Donkeys	12	10	8
Horses	8	6	4
Ponies and mules	10	8	6

Note: The number of cattle to be loaded will be 1.5 times of the above numbers in respect of 6-wheeler wagons and 2 times of the above number in respect of 8-wheeler wagons.

The existing comments (a) (b) appearing in page 68-70 remain unchanged.

Page-71 Insert the following Rule as 417 below the existing Rule 416:

Rule – 417 General requirement and conditions for animals (Cattle & Pigs) transportation:

(1) Issue of certificate before transportation -

- (a) A valid certificate issued by an officer or any person or Animal Welfare Organisation duly recognized and authorised for this purpose by the Animal Welfare Board of India or the Central Government shall be procured by any person making transport of any animals before transportation of such animal verifying that all the relevant Central and State Acts, rules and orders pertaining to the said animals including the rules relating to transport of such animals have been duly complied with and that the animal is not being transported for any purpose contrary to the provision of any law.
- (b) In the absence of such certificate, the railway shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport.

Explanation: - For the purpose of this rule the certificate shall be issued in such form as may be specified for this purpose by the Central Government.

(2) Cancellation of permit or authorization for transport:-

In the event of contravention or non compliance of any of the rules contained in these rule for transport of animals, if it is pointed out in writing by any officer or persons or Animal Welfare Organisation authorised for this purpose by the Animal Welfare Board of India or the Central Government, then any permit or authorization issued from such transport shall be immediately cancelled by the concerned authority and it shall be the duty of the police to stop the further transport given from the intermediately station and proceed against the consignor and deal with the animal in accordance with law. The custody of the animals immediately after unloading from the rail wagons shall be given to the authorised Animal Welfare Organisation if available, till the competent authority or the Magistrate having jurisdiction decides about their care and upkeep.

(3) Other conditions:

- (a) Animals to be transported shall be healthy and in good condition and such animals shall be examined by a Veterinary Doctor for freedom from infectious diseases and their fitness to undertake the journey; provided that the nature and duration of the proposed journey shall be taken into account while deciding upon the degree of fitness.

- (b) An animal which is unfit for transport shall not be transported and the animals who are new born, diseased, blind emaciated, lame, fatigued or having given birth during the preceding seventy two hours or likely to give birth during transport shall not be transported.
- (a) Pregnant and very young animals shall not be mixed with other animals during transport
- (b) Different classes of animals shall be kept separately during transport.
- (c) Diseased animals, whenever transported for treatment, shall not be mixed with other animals;
- (d) Troublesome animals shall be given tranquilisers before loading during transport.
- (e) Animals shall be transported in their on-farm social groups (established atleast one week prior to journey.)

APPENDIX 1/14

PROFORMA FOR CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS OF CATTLE (OTHER THAN PIGS) 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 Animals _____

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 86 to 95 in Chapter VIII of the transport of Animals Rules, 1978.

5. That at the request of (cosignor) _____ I examined the above mentioned animals not more than 12 hours before their departure
6. That each appeared to be in a fit condition to travel by rail and is not showing signs of any infectious or contagious or parasitic disease (S) and that it has been vaccinated against any infectious or contagious disease (s).
7. That the animals were adequately fed and watered for the purpose of the journey.
8. That the animals have been vaccinated.
(c) Type of vaccine (s): _____
(d) Date of vaccination: _____

Date _____

Signed _____

Address _____

Qualification _____

Registration No. _____

Seal _____

APPENDIX 1/15

**PROFORMA FOR CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS OF PIGS FOR
TRANSPORTATION BY RAIL**

(This certificate should be completed and signed by Veterinary doctor)

Date and time of examination

Species of Animals

Number of Animals

Sex

I hereby certify that I have read Rules 86 to 95 in Chapter VIII of the transport of Animals Rules, 1978.

9. That at the request of (cosignor) _____ I examined the above mentioned animals not more than 12 hours before their departure
10. That each appeared to be in a fit condition to travel by rail and is not showing signs of any infectious or contagious or parasitic disease (S) and that it has been vaccinated against any infectious or contagious disease (s).
11. That the animals were adequately fed and watered for the purpose of the journey.
12. That the animals have been vaccinated.
(e) Type of vaccine (s):
(f) Date of vaccination:

Date _____

Signed _____

Address _____

Qualification _____

Seal (Stamp)

Note: The principal rules were published in Gazette of India vide Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Department of Agriculture), Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi number 18-6/70 LDI dated 23.3.1978.

Authority: Railway Board's letter No.TCR/2211/2000/12 dated 15.11.2000.

(Rates Instructions No.99 of 2000)

Effective from 15.11.200

No.TCR/2211/2000/12 dated 16.10.2001) (Rates Instruction No.92 of 2001).

Effective from 16.10.2001.

(Sd/-)

(K.K. Sharma)
Director Traffic Comml. (Rates)
Railway Board

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भारत सरकार(GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)
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No.TCR/2211/2000/12

New Delhi, dated 15.11.2000.

General Managers (Comml.)
All Indian Railways

Sub: Transportation of livestock (including Pigs) 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:-

	BG	MG	NG
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 fulfil 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.

....3/-

- 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. The 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 and 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 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 shall come into effect from 01.12.2000.

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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

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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 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 other at 100 to 110 cm.
- (j) Cattle in milk shall be milked at least twice a day and the calves shall be given sufficient quantity of milks 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
TRANSPOTATION 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.....

Bread and identification marks, if any.....

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

1. That, at the request (consignor)..... I(examined the above mentioned Cattle in the goods vehicles/railway wahgons 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 vaccinated.

(a) Type of vaccine:

(b) Date of vaccination:

Signed.....

Address.....

Qualifications.....

Registration No.....

Seal.....

Date: