



Australian Government

Independent Observer summary report on *MV Ocean Ute*

Cattle exported to Indonesia in September 2022

February 2023

Voyage summary

Livestock: 3,718 cattle

Vessel: *MV Ocean Ute*

Loading location and date: Townsville, 13 September 2022

Vessel departure location and date: Townsville, 13 September 2022

Discharge location and dates: Jakarta and Panjang Indonesia, from 22 September 2022 to 24 September 2022

Voyage length: 11 days

Independent Observer (observer): Boarded at Townsville and remained onboard until completion of discharge.

Voyage mortality rate: 0% (Nil mortalities).

Notifiable mortality rate for cattle required to trigger a mortality investigation: 0.5% or 3 animals (whichever is greater).

Summary of observations

This report summarises key observations of the implementation and effectiveness of exporter arrangements to ensure the health and welfare of livestock. The report has been approved by the observer who accompanied the voyage.

Exporter documentation

The observer reported no issues regarding exporter documentation.

Loading

Based on observations made during this voyage, the exporter arrangements during loading were appropriate and effective in managing livestock health and welfare.

Personnel

Based on observations made during this voyage, the exporter arrangements relating to personnel were appropriate and effective in managing livestock health and welfare.

Daily routine

Based on observations made during this voyage, the exporter arrangements relating to the daily routine were appropriate and effective in managing livestock health and welfare.

Feed and water

Based on observations made during this voyage, the exporter arrangements relating to feed and water were appropriate and effective in managing livestock health and welfare.

Ventilation

Based on observations made during this voyage, the exporter arrangements relating to ventilation were appropriate and effective in managing livestock health and welfare.

Pen conditions

Based on observations made during this voyage, the exporter arrangements for managing pen conditions were appropriate and effective in managing livestock health and welfare.

Health and welfare

Based on the stockpersons report:

- Treatment was administered to 3 cattle for lameness or abnormal gait and 2 cattle for respiratory distress.

Discharge

Based on observations made during this voyage, the exporter arrangements during discharge were appropriate and effective in managing livestock health and welfare.

Department actions

No adverse animal health and welfare outcomes arising from exporter arrangements were observed, and no regulatory action was taken for this voyage.

Representative photographs of voyage

Day 2 Cattle in pen — no issues identified



Day 4 Cattle in pen — no issues identified



Day 5 Cattle in pen — no issues identified



Day 6 Cattle in pen — no issues identified



Day 7 Cattle in pen — no issues identified



Day 8 Cattle in pen — no issues identified



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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