



GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED IN TRANSPORTING ANIMALS

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Guidelines to be followed by the farm owner

In registration of agricultural animals

1. Register your farm at the Government Veterinary office where your farm belongs in your area and obtain a registration number. Get the ear tag marked with a registration number fixed to each animal in your farm enabling to identify them individually (Rs.20/= per animal is charged for this purpose). Obtain a cattle voucher (schedule 06) for each animal from the Veterinary Surgeon and keep in your procession safely.
2. Updated information about your herd should be provided (schedule 07) in writing to the Veterinary Office where your farm belongs on or before 31st January in each year (write off dead animals, reporting new birth and new purchase of animals etc.,)

In sale of animals

3. In sale of a farm animal, transfer of the cattle voucher (schedule 06) to be done in the presence of Government Veterinary Surgeon.

In obtaining health certificate

4. Request for the certificate on the health (schedule 03) can be made only by the farm owner. Rs.50/= per animal will be charged in issuing this certificate.

In obtaining required certificates for transport of animals

5.i. If animals are expected to be transport by a vehicle, get the vehicle examined for the suitability for the purpose by the Veterinary Surgeon in your area and obtain the certificate of recommendation of vehicle (schedule 4 and 5).

ii It is compulsory to display a clearly visible board in front of the vehicle 30”x4” in size stating “Transport of animals” written in gleaming red colour under white background.

iii. A ramp fixed to the vehicle to enable easy loading and unloading of animals with no cruelty.

In transporting cattle and buffaloes

6.i. In case of transporting animals within or out of the Divisional Secretariat division, it is required to apply for a transport permit from the Divisional Secretary of the area. Application (schedule 02)can be obtained either from a Government Veterinary Office or a Divisional Secretariat office. Duly completed application should be submitted to the Divisional Secretariat office together with the copies of following documents.

- Cattle voucher (schedule 06)
- Certificate on the health status (schedule03)
- Certificate of recommendation of the vehicle (schedule 04 and 05)

Moving cattle or buffaloes by walking (on foot)

ii. In moving an animal by walk, a transport certificate (schedule 01) could be obtained from the Divisional Secretary of the area by producing the cattle voucher (schedule 06) of the animal and the health certificate (schedule 03) issued by the Government Veterinary Surgeon of the area. Rs.50/= for each animal will be charged. Remember to obtain the originals of the certificates back as it is compulsory to keep them in your possession until the animal transport activity is over.

Applications submitted which are not fulfilled above requirements are liable to reject or delay the issue of transport permit.

In transporting pigs, goats and sheep

iii. In transporting pigs, goats and sheep, it is adequate to obtain health certificate (schedule 03), and Certificate of recommendation of the vehicle (schedule 04). Rs. 50/= per animal is charged in issuing health certificate.

Inspection of animals while transport

7. The documents indicated under above No. 6 should be produced when requested by a Veterinary Surgeon, an officer of the Department of Animal Production & Health, a Divisional Secretary or officer at the police barriers.

8. In case of transporting animals from a Divisional Secretary division to another Divisional Secretary division, the transport permit (schedule 01) issued by the original Divisional Secretary (schedule 03) should be returned to the Divisional Secretary where animals were brought in within 3 days of expiry of the deadline.

In confirming ownership

9. In order to confirm the ownership, certificate of the *Grama Niladhari* is not required but the correctly completed cattle voucher is sufficient. (as per the section 8 of the Animal Act No. 29 of 1958).

In not adhering to the conditions appropriately

10. Persons violating or act opposing to the conditions stipulated are liable to
- A fine not more than Rs.50,000 or
 - Imprisonment of not less than 03 years or
 - Both the above punishments

Guidelines to be followed by a Veterinary Surgeon

- 1.i. Implementation of advising and awareness programmes to include all the animal owners and their animals within the VS range into animal registration program.
 - ii. Issue of a registration number to the each farm, fixing an ear tag indicating the animal registration number and issue of a cattle voucher (schedule 06).
 - iii. A register to be maintained for registration of animals (Animal identity) (schedule 08) in each veterinary officer and to be updated on 31st January.
2. The cattle voucher should be transferred to the buyer at the time of the sale of animals.
- 3.i. In case of transporting animals by a vehicle, it should be inspected whether the vehicle is in proper condition for animal transport and issue the certificate (schedule 04) of recommendation of vehicle.
 - ii. Check whether a white colour board of 30"x4" in size written as "Animal transport" in shining red colour is displayed in the front of the vehicle.
 - iii. Check whether a ramp fixed to the vehicle for easy loading and unloading of animals.
4. In issuing certificate of health status, consider the dates of vaccinations against Foot and Mouth (FMD), Black Quarter (BQ) and Hemorrhagic septicemia (HS).
5. Action should be taken to issue the health certificate when requested by the animal owner (schedule 03). Further, it is useful to indicate a telephone number that can be contacted throughout the day (24 hours) in the health certificate or certificate of vehicle registration.

Guidelines to be followed by a Divisional Secretary

1. If a farmer or a buyer apply for a transport permit by submitting a duly completed application prepared as per the schedule.02 for the purpose of transporting cattle or buffaloes, a transport permit may be issued (schedule 01) provided, copies of following documents obtained from a government veterinary office are enclosed with the application by charging Rs.50/= per animal.

- a. Certificate of health status (schedule 03)
- b. Cattle voucher (schedule 06)
- c. Certificate of recommendation of the vehicle (schedule 04 and 05)

2. If the application is for moving animals by walking (on foot)

Based on the following documents, a transport permit (schedule 01) may be issued.

- . Certificate of health status (schedule 03)
- . Cattle voucher (schedule 06)

3. In confirming the ownership of the animals, a certificate issued from the *Grama Niladhari* is not required and only the cattle voucher (schedule 06) issued by the government veterinary surgeon is sufficient for the purpose (as per the section 8 of the Animal Act No. 29 of 1958).

4. The originals of the above documents submitted together with the application shall be returned to the applicant after issuing the transport permit (schedule 01).

The guidelines to be followed by a police officer

1. Following documents should be accompanied in transporting cattle or buffaloes
 - i. Certificate of health status (schedule 03)
 - ii. Certificate of recommendation of the vehicle (schedule 04 and 05)
 - iii. Cattle voucher (schedule 06)
 - iv. Transport permit issued by the Divisional Secretary (schedule 01)
 - Examine whether the numbers indicated in the cattle voucher and the numbers indicated in the ear tags of the animals are coincided.
 - First 04 digits in the ear tag represent the relevant Divisional Secretariat office printed in black colour while rest of the 08 digits represent the farm number and the animal number (Indicated in the diagram).
 - Examine whether animals are provided space in the transporting vehicle as per the recommended spacing indicated in the back side of the Certificate of recommendation of the vehicle (schedule 05).
 - Ensure whether the vehicle used for transporting animals is the same vehicle approved in the transport permit.
2. In case of moving animals by walk (on foot)

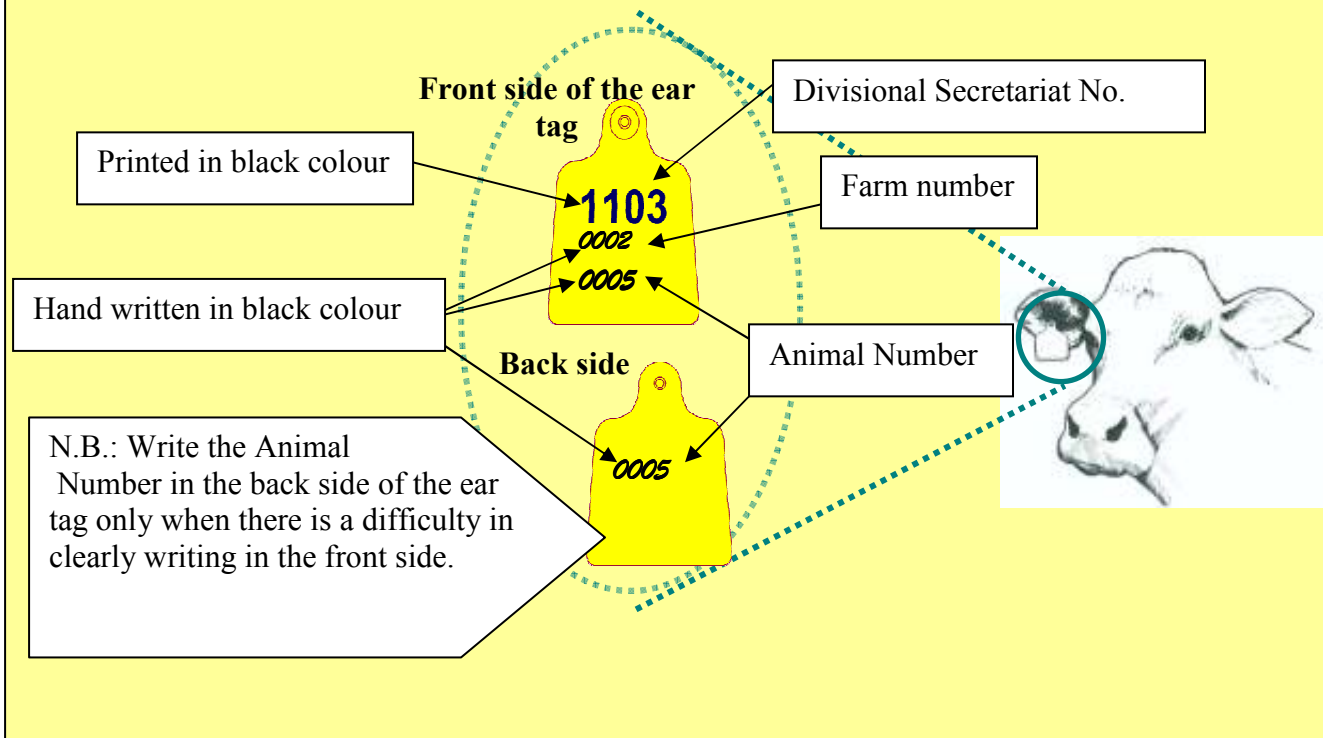
Only the following documents are required.

 - Certificate of health status (schedule 03)
 - Cattle voucher (schedule 06)
 - Transport permit issued by the Divisional Secretary (schedule 01)
- 3. In transporting goats, sheep or pigs**

Only the following documents are required

 - Certificate of health status (schedule 03)
 - Certificate of recommendation of the vehicle (schedule 04)
4. Examine whether a board 30"x4" in size is displayed in clearly visible manner in front of the vehicle indicating "Transport of Animals" written in glimmering red colour in white background.
5. Legal action has to be taken when transporting animals without fulfilling the above documentary requirements.

Diagram



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