



LIVE TRANSPORT of ANIMALS POLICY

Policy Statement:

2 Sisters Food Group is committed to ensuring the transport of live animals is done in a humane manner which minimises stress in the animals thereby maintaining good animal welfare and product quality. This commitment will be delivered by purchasing from suppliers within a reasonable distance to the abattoir so they are as short as possible, ensuring that the transport itself is fit for the species and that animals are transported at the appropriate stocking level for the species and environmental conditions.

Scope:

All poultry (chicken) in U.K. 2SFG slaughter plants.

Background:

Live animal transport has traditionally been an area of public concern largely in the area of transport times. Our strict livestock procurement policy tries to ensure that wherever possible all livestock is bought from farms in the same area as the abattoir and with the exception of a small number of lambs, are transported direct from farm to the abattoir. While legally animals can be transported/held for up to 12 hours before food and water need to be provided, 2SFG endeavour to transport animals for no more than 8 hours from first animal loaded to last animal killed.

All transport of live animals must be done by trained people who have knowledge of the potential issues which can arise. Regular audits of transporters ensures that transporters are adequately trained and the transport, of whatever size, is checked to ensure that it is suitable for transportation of live animals in relation to type, fitness to transport animals and adjustments made for varying environmental conditions. Additionally, monitoring of the stocking density of the transport ensures that animals are able to provide mutual support to each other but are not crowded to a level where they do not have room to stretch and move.

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