



Terms and Conditions of Consignment

1. Delivery

- a. All cattle must be delivered **before 5pm** the afternoon prior to the scheduled slaughter date. In the case that animals are scheduled for a Monday slaughter, cattle must arrive **before 3pm on Sunday**. No cattle will be accepted for delivery on Saturday's.
- b. All cattle must be tagged with an NLIS Device and accompanied by a completed **2013 version National Vendor Declaration (NVD)**.
 - i. Any animals that do not have an NLIS device at the time of slaughter will be applied with an emergency device at a cost of \$20 + GST
 - ii. MSA eligible cattle must also be accompanied by a completed MSA Vendor Declaration, any cattle not accompanied by a completed MSA Dec will not be eligible for grading
 - iii. Cattle that have been fed in an National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme (NFAS) feedlot must be accompanied with a completed NFAS delivery docket

2. Animal Health

- a. **Bindaree Beef processes meat for human consumption.**
- b. All cattle arriving at Bindaree Beef must conform to company-specific Animal Welfare and delivery policy. Any animal not conforming to these requirements will be assessed and may be destroyed at the vendor's expense. Any observed violation of animal welfare will be reported to the relevant authority.
- c. All cattle are assessed by a Department of Agriculture (DAFF) vet before slaughter, and may be required to be processed as a "Suspect" for further inspection and segregation. Any such animals will incur a \$50 + GST fee.
- d. Should an animal require emergency slaughter, a fee of \$150 + GST will apply and they will be subject to assessment and priced off the grid
- e. Any cattle pronounced dead before slaughter, will incur a fee of \$200 + GST.
- f. All carcasses are inspected by DAFF personnel who reserve the right to condemn a carcass at the vendor's expense, should they be deemed not fit for human consumption.
- g. Any animals found to contain contaminants such as buckshot or broken needles will be condemned at the vendor's expense.

3. Hormone Growth Promotants

- a. All HGP treated cattle must be segregated and declared on a separate NVD.
- b. Declared HGP treated animals will be priced at \$0.20/Kg below the HGP Free Grid.
- c. Each animal is checked for HGP Implants and the presence of an Undeclared HGP implant will result in the entire lot (all cattle on the relevant NVD) being downgraded to HGP treated status (under DAFF guidelines). An **additional** penalty of \$0.20/Kg penalty will be applied to the entire lot.

4. Weight and Length Restrictions

- a. Any animal over 450kg HSCW will not be accepted for slaughter. Large frame cattle (especially bulls and dairy cattle) may also be declared too long/tall for slaughter.

Animal Welfare and Delivery Policy

Bindaree Beef is committed to ensuring that all cattle processed at our plant have been humanely treated prior to slaughter.

- To ensure that Bindaree staff can monitor the unloading of cattle, all cattle must be delivered **before 5pm** the afternoon prior to the scheduled slaughter date. In the case that animals are scheduled for a Monday slaughter, cattle must arrive **before 3pm on Sunday**.
- All cattle arriving at the plant must be accompanied with *appropriate and correct* documentation, including a 2013 Version National Vendor Declaration (NVD), MSA Declaration (where applicable) and a NFAS delivery docket (where applicable).
- All cattle destined for different markets must be segregated and easily identified before arrival. To reduce animal stress and the possibility of incorrect drafting, Bindaree staff will not draft animals on arrival.
- All people handling, loading and unloading livestock are responsible for meeting the requirements of our handling procedures. Animals are to be unloaded promptly and quietly to minimise stress and injury under the supervision of an experienced livestock handler. Care must be taken not to rush animals and to use the animal's natural instincts.
- Canvas or leather flappers and soft polyethylene pipe may be used to create sufficient noise to encourage the movement of stock.
- Animals that are injured or disabled during transport should be humanely destroyed without delay, or receive emergency slaughter with the permission of an authorised officer. A Department of Agriculture (DOA) vet **MUST** inspect any animal before emergency slaughter.
- Downed or injured stock must be destroyed where they lay on the transport vehicle and are not to be moved (or tried to be moved) while still alive.
- If an animal needs to be destroyed or a dead animal removed after hours, please inform Plant Security who will contact the Stockman on Duty to humanely destroy the animal and/or remove the carcass.

Any animal not fit to load must only be transported under veterinary advice. An animal is considered not fit to load when it is:

- Unable to walk by bearing weight on all four legs
- Shows signs of severe injury or distress or conditions likely to further compromise its welfare during transport
- Severely emaciated or visibly dehydrated
- Unable to see well enough to walk, load and travel without impairment or distress (for example, is not blind in both eyes)
- Known to be, or visually assessed to be within four weeks of calving

All arriving cattle must not have been off feed and water for more than **48 hours**.

Any animals arriving on plant that do not meet animal welfare standards will be reported to the DOA vet on duty and may be destroyed at the vendor's expense. If animal cruelty is observed, the event will be reported to the appropriate authority.