



DO NOT LOAD DO NOT TRANSPORT IF

Depressed or dull

- Difficulty breathing or significant discharge from eyes or nostrils
- Extremely thin or weak
- Dislocated, broken or exposed bones
- Unable to rise or walk due to physical
- abnormality or injury

Identification of Sick or Injured Rabbits

Diarrhea Respiratory disease

HERD

ENVIRONMENTAL

INDIVIDUAL RABBIT

 Wet rabbits in cold weather Very hot and humid environmental

 If a herd is diagnosed with a disease by a veterinarian, special provisions for loading may be required

CAUTION

Conditions requiring further assessment

before rabbit can be loaded

conditions Severe cold temperatures, particularly

significantly delay rabbit transportation

with a wind chill Prolonged road closures that will

Minor trauma, wounds or bleeding

(including injury due to handling

Assessment decisions should be made by the producer, loading crew, transporter and processing plant when faced with CAUTION conditions.

LOAD & TRANSPORT **HEALTHY RABBITS**

HEALTH OF ANIMALS REGULATIONS, PART XII (1)

No person shall load, confine or transport an animal that is unfit, or cause one to be loaded, confined or transported, in a conveyance or container (139(1)).

DO NOT

- · Transport a sick or injured rabbit
- · Load or unload a rabbit in a way likely to
- cause injury or suffering Crowd rabbits to such an extent as to cause injury or undue suffering

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VIOLATORS OF THE HEALTH OF ANIMALS ACT

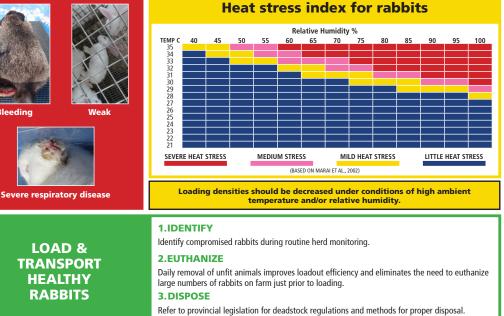
- Fines up to \$10,000
- Increased fines for repeat offenders
- Repeat offenders posted on Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) website



Bleeding

GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH RABBITS

Rabbits must be protected from extremes in ambient temperatures during loading and transportation. Rabbits are particularly sensitive to heat stress since they have few means of cooling themselves. Similarly, wet rabbits may chill quickly in very cold temperatures and should not be loaded



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