

21—67.5(162) Transportation.

67.5(1) Primary enclosures for transportation. Primary enclosures are required within transportation vehicles.

a. Primary enclosures utilized in transportation shall:

(1) Be of sound construction, maintained in good repair to ensure protection of animals from injury, and readily cleaned and sanitized;

(2) Be free of sharp points, jagged edges or protrusions that could injure the animal; and

(3) Securely contain the animal so that the animal cannot injure itself, its handler or any persons or animals nearby.

b. Floors and lower sides shall be constructed or covered on the inner surfaces so as to contain excreta and bedding materials.

c. Adequate space shall be provided so that the animal(s) contained in the primary enclosure may comfortably turn about, stand erect, sit and lie.

d. Openings shall be provided in primary enclosures so that adequate ventilation can be maintained when the primary enclosures are positioned in the transporting vehicle.

e. Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized before each trip and between animals.

f. The temperature within primary enclosures shall not be allowed to exceed the atmospheric temperature. During transportation, the ambient temperature inside the primary enclosure cannot exceed 85°F for a period of more than four hours, nor may the temperature fall below 45°F for a period of more than four hours. Auxiliary ventilation, such as fans, blowers or air conditioning, must be used in the animal space when the ambient temperature in the space reaches 85°F.

67.5(2) Vehicles.

a. Protection shall be afforded to primary enclosures transported in the vehicle, sheltering the animals from drafts and extremes of hot or cold temperatures to which they are not acclimated.

b. Primary enclosures used in transportation shall be securely positioned in the vehicle to protect the animals from injury.

67.5(3) Care in transit.

a. Animals in transit shall be provided adequate feed and adequate water as defined in rule 21—67.1(162).

b. Incompatible animals shall not be placed together during shipment. Females in estrus shall not be placed in the same primary enclosure with a male.

c. Animals shall be inspected at least once in each four-hour period and the primary enclosures cleaned if necessary and the emergency needs of the animals attended to immediately.

d. Animals shall be removed for exercise and their enclosures cleaned if the animals have been en route for a 12-hour period.

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