

ANNOTATED LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS LIVESTOCK DISEASE CONTROL

Rules and regulations for the dealing in and transportation of equine animals, 330
CMR 19.01.

§ 46. License Plate. on Vehicle Used to Transport Equine Animal.

Each vehicle used for the transportation of equine animals by any person engaged in the business of dealing with such animals, when operated on any way, shall bear a metal license plate, attached to the side of the vehicle to the left of the person operating or driving the same, such plate to be furnished by the director on the payment of a fee of five dollars Said plate shall be valid for the term for which the license is granted, but shall be returned to the director on revocation of said license. The use of multiple deck vehicles or the so called "possum belly" vehicle used in the transportation of equine animals is prohibited.

330 CMR. DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE

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(3) Transportation.

(a) No licensee shall maintain any equine in a vehicle within the Commonwealth for a period of time exceeding ten hours without the equine being off-loaded and placed in a stable or shaded pasture.

(b) Licensees shall ensure that:

1. All vehicles are constructed with no sharp objects or protuberances on the interior or the sides;
2. All floor ramps are made of a non-skid material or coating;
3. All vehicles, stalls and loading ramps are cleaned daily;
4. All vehicles have adequate ventilation;
5. All doorway openings have a height of at least 12 inches above the withers of the tallest equine being transported;
6. All vehicles transporting more than six equines have at least two doorways on adjacent or opposite sides of the vehicle;
and
7. All horses being transported are separated in a manner to prevent injury or close contact between incompatible animals.