TRANSPORTATION

While in transit, traveling exhibitors must meet all the applicable transportation standards.

Criteria

An animal is considered in transit when it is moving in a conveyance from:

- the home facility to a temporary location
- a temporary location to another temporary location
- a temporary location to the home facility

Note: Stopping for short rest periods and food breaks for the drivers, handlers and other people accompanying the animal is still considered "in transit."

While in transit, all of the applicable transportation standards must be met. Refer to the appropriate AWA standards for transportation or *Section 13 - Transportation* of this Inspection Guide.

Transport Vehicles

When inspecting a traveling exhibitor, be sure to inspect the transportation vehicles.

Transport vehicles should be inspected for:

- cleanliness
- structural strength, such as:
 - **bent or warped surfaces**
 - protruding edges
 - loose fittings or grates
- food storage areas
- condition of the floor, i.e., rotting areas which could:
 - > give way
 - allow entry of exhaust fumes
- ventilation and temperature when doors are closed
- working temperature control systems, such as:
 - heaters
 - > fans
 - > air conditioners
- separation of species while in transit

- space and height for the species transported NOTE: Trailers can only be 8' wide by DOT regulation. Therefore the interior space will be 7-7.5'. Ask which animals are transported in the trailer and how they are arranged.
- vehicle safety features, such as:
 - good tires
 - proper hitches
 - door latches and locks
 - vehicle rated for the weight load carrying
 - tires rated for the weight load carrying

If a noncompliance is identified, document the vehicle and trailer license plate numbers on the inspection report.

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