

Good Morning

ASEL REVIEW – EXPORTS BY AIR – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

I have flown twice with Exported Animals. China/Malaysia.

Both trips have been trouble free. It's the pre-loading and after landing times or delays when ventilation problems occur. Ground staff need to be trained in the importance of rapid implementation of ventilation on a stationary aircraft.

My only comment is that the 'Packaging of the animals has been over protective and thus expensive for the exporter and too heavy. Thus the cost of freight through 'package weight' is extreme.

Suggest you look at lighter and less strength. eg sheep- sturdy frame of aluminium and plastic inlay and walls. Correctly constructed. Sheep 'mill around' when travelling and don't 'Attack' the walls or fences.

'Too much money involved in too sturdy a stock crate' especially with sheep. Packaging is the key to successful exporting by air. Modern design and lighter sturdy materials.

Similarly this 'over construction' can be applied to other animals.

Another thought was the lack of understanding by the air transport industry of live animal transporting.

My experience showed me that, correctly so, air safety was the priority, the cargo was an afterthought.

All animals transported by air need an experienced stock person with sufficient skills and status to demand of the pilots and staff appropriate understanding of the needs of the cargo. Especially at loading, stopovers and at landing.

I experienced at these times nearly total disregard. Especially water, off loading from crates and protection from the weather.

Plan ahead. Strong experienced stockman. Protection from the elements.
Food water and welfare.

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