

Independent Observer summary report on *MV Jawan*

Cattle for export to Oman and Pakistan in December 2018

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Voyage summary

The *Jawan* commenced loading on 9 December 2018 and departed Portland on 10 December 2018 at 5:30am with 3,492 cattle for Oman and Pakistan. After travelling a short distance the vessel developed stability issues and returned to the dock in Portland at 6:10am.

The independent observer (observer) joined the vessel on 9 December 2018 and left the vessel at 07:00am on 10 December 2018.

No mortalities were recorded and the observer did not report any welfare concerns.

The export was cancelled and the cattle discharged in Portland.

Implementation of procedures to ensure health and welfare of livestock

Exporter documentation

Exporter arrangements were available to address procedures relating to livestock management from loading through to discharge, including contingencies. The observer reported that the vessel was loaded in accordance with the load plan.

Loading

The observer did not report any concerns with loading.

Personnel

There was an Accredited Government Australian Veterinarian (AAV) and a LiveCorp Accredited Stockperson (stockperson) on board who were responsible for the health and welfare of the livestock. Both were very experienced at managing cattle on livestock vessels.

Feed and water

The observer did not report any concerns with feed and water provision.

Ventilation

Three of the *Jawan's* eight decks are enclosed and five are open but have railings as external barriers.

The observer did not report any concerns with ventilation.

Pen conditions

The observer did not report any concerns with pen conditions.

Health and welfare

The observer did not report any concerns with health and welfare.

Discharge

The observer was not present for the discharge of the cattle in Portland.

Conclusion

Due to the cancellation of the voyage the vessel was underway for less than an hour. The observer left the vessel shortly after docking, after consultation with the department. There were no welfare issues observed and representative photographs and video of the voyage were not recorded.