

UNLOADING LIVESTOCK



The unloading of animals is a critical procedure at markets and attention should be given to allowing animals to move at their own pace in order to prevent any stress for the animals or their handlers.

- Use an unloading bay
- Keep the slope of the ramp to a minimum. No more than 26 degrees and preferably less than 20 degrees
- At no stage should animals feel compelled to jump from the ramp. If they do, the gradient is too steep
- Particular care needs to be taken when unloading multi-deck vehicles
- Unloading areas should be secure and provide a wide, clear, straight path from the vehicle to the holding pens
- Allow animals to move at their own pace from the vehicle to the pen. In particular, give cattle time to unload – especially if one is down or facing the wrong way

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