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To: Cattle Producers and Livestock Haulers
From: Carl Garber
Date: October 30, 2020
Subject: **TRANSPORTER'S HUMANE HANDLING POLICY**

US 212 Beef, Corporation, Est. 47368 operates with an Animal Handling Program since November 2020. Our company continually strives to comply with the Federal Regulations in ensuring that cattle slaughtered at US 212 Beef are done in a humane manner.

Our company implemented the Animal Handling Program following the AMI Foundation's Recommended Animal Handling Guidelines and Audit Guide written by Temple Grandin, Ph.D. These guidelines may be found on American Meat Institute Foundation website.

US 212 Beef requires that personnel transporting cattle to our facility follow the procedures set out in our policy to assist us in the humane handling of the cattle. The following requirements are to be met by companies transporting cattle to our facility:

1. Cattle unable to walk onto the truck under their own should not be loaded and delivered to US 212 Beef.
2. Once cattle are loaded, transporter is to drive directly to the plant, with minimal stopping.
3. Air-ride system of trailer is to be regularly inspected and fixed if necessary.
4. Careful driving is necessary to prevent bruises, shrink and injuries
5. Sudden stops or accelerations should be avoided to prevent injuries and stress.
6. Trailers must not be overloaded to prevent bruises and injuries
7. The use of electric cattle prods (Hot shots) and bullwhips or sharp objects shall not be used to load and unload animals (rattle paddles or sticks with a flag on the end, etc. are to be used).
8. Reduce noises: Practices that increase the stress of the animal should be avoided (yelling, swatting, loud noises).
9. Feeding and watering of animals on long hauls is required after 28 hours
10. Excessive physical abuse or striking of the animal is strictly prohibited
11. Remove distractions that cause balking
12. Provide adequate lighting at loading
13. In inclement weather, avoid traveling in the most extreme part of the day and keep trailer moving as much as possible. Cover some windows to block wind in extreme cold.
14. Move small groups at a time
15. Mounting activity and animal fights can cause injuries that can cause animals to become non-ambulatory. This is a problem especially with bulls. Bulls that are mounting other animals should be placed in separate pens. Mounting by bulls is a common cause of bruises and crippling injuries on cows.

US 212 Beef appreciates compliance with the above policies from all transporting companies. If any deficiencies are found, transporting company management personnel will be immediately notified and corrective actions will be required. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 320-833-2121.

Sincerely,

Carl Garber
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