

ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA
भारतीय जीव वृद्ध कल्याण बोर्ड
(Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India)
पर्यावरण एवं वन विभाग, भारत सरकार

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CHAIRMAN

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The Chief Secretaries of All States & UTs
The Director General of Police of All States & UTs
The Directors of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services of All States.
The State Regional Transport Officers of All States
The Chairman Railway Board

Sub: Certification under Rule 96 for Transportation of Animals by Railways / Trucks- reg
Ref: Transport of Animals Amendment Rules - 2001.

Dear Sir,

In order to address cruelties to animals during transportation, the Govt. of India has issued an amendment in 2001 to Transport of Animals Rules 1978 vide amended rules an additional certificate is required to be issued under rule 96 by a person authorized by Animal Welfare Board of India to check the cruelty aspects after the animals have been loaded in Railway wagons / Trucks. The person so authorized shall also verify that all the relevant Central and State Acts, rules and orders pertaining to the said animals including all the rules relating to transport of such animals have been duly complied with and that the animals are not being transported for any purpose contrary to the provision of any law. This certificate is in addition to the Veterinary Health Certificate issued by a Veterinary Surgeon.

With regard to issue of new certificate under Rule 96 of the Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001, the Animal Welfare Board of India has recently taken the following decision concerning the authorization of persons to certify the animals prior to transportation by trucks / rail.

It has been decided that a State Government Veterinarian not below the rank of Assistant Director / SDO (District Animal Husbandry Officer) in each district will issue certificates under Rule 96 for transportation of animals in the respective States.

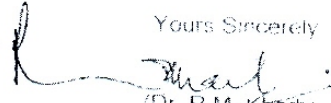
The Chief Secretary / Director Animal Husbandry, State Governments are requested to issue necessary directions to all District Animal Husbandry officers about this requirement at the earliest. A sample of the certificate is attached as appendix to this letter. The certificate issuing person will ensure that cow and its progeny are not being transported for slaughter as per concerned state rules and all stipulations as provided in the Rule 96-97 of Transportation of Animals (Amendment) Rules 2001 (copy attached) are implemented in letter and spirit.

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This requirement is being circulated to all the Chief Secretaries / Directors, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services for immediate compliance.

You are requested to kindly give wide publicity to this and also circulate this requirement to all concerned officers working under you for necessary compliance.

Yours Sincerely



(Dr. R.M. Kharb)
Maj. Gen. (Retd.), AVSM
Chairman, AWBI

**PROFORMA FOR APPLYING FOR PERMISSION FOR ISSUE OF
CERTIFICATE BEFORE TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS**

(See Rule 96 of Transport of animals (Amendment) Rules 2001)

1. Name and address of the consignor :
2. Name and address of the consignee :
3. Name and address of the transport Authority / agency :
4. Whether proforma for certificate of fitness to travel has been issued by Veterinary Doctor to State that :
 - a) The animal are free from infectious diseases and are fit to undertake the journey :
 - b) There are no animals which are unfit for transport such as new born, diseased, blind, emaciated lame, fatigue or having given birth during the preceding 72 hours or likely to give birth during transport. :
 - c) Pregnant and young animals are not mixed with other animals during transport. :
 - d) Different classes of animals are kept separately during transport :
 - e) Diseased animals are not mixed with other animals :
 - f) Trouble some animals are given tranquilizers before loading :
5. Purpose for which the animals are transported :
6. Details of applications and certificate issued by other authorities covered in this case :
(copies of relevant documents to be enclosed)

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7. Whether animals have required provisions of feed – fodder, water rest and milking facilities during transportation
8. Time and place of transport
9. Details of railway / road transport route with details of departure and arrival times at different points
10. Place of inspection by the authorised representative of Animals Welfare Board of India (AWBI)

The particulars give above are true to my knowledge. All the relevant Central and State Act Rules and orders have been complied with.

Signature of Consignor / Applicant

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have read the Rule 96 of the Transport of Animals (amendment) Rules 2001 and the permission for transport of animals as per the above application is hereby issued.

Signature of authorized
Representative of AWBI