

The Effluent Code - a registered industry code of practice

- The Effluent Code supplements the heavy vehicle safety and compliance guidance provided in the Master Code by specifically addressing livestock effluent related load restraint risks.
- The Code is a practical guide that assists livestock transporters and off road parties to comply with their primary duty and other duties under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

What is in the Code?

- It describes the controls that parties in the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) can implement to minimise the risk of livestock effluent spillage during road transport, if proposed controls are “reasonably practicable” in their circumstances.
- Publication of the Code does not impose any new legal duties on any party, but it is expected to raise awareness and influence the actions of all parties in the livestock supply chain.

Who should use the Code?

- Off road parties, including receivers of livestock, such as farms, livestock agents, feedlots and abattoirs, are able to influence effluent management through their operational activities and demands on livestock transporters, as well as through the provision and management of ancillary infrastructure, such as livestock effluent disposal facilities.
- The Code may also serve as a guide for training or as a point of reference for entities involved with livestock transport when negotiating how to share responsibilities.
- The Effluent Code assists transport operators and drivers to meet the loading requirements of Section 111 of the HVNL.

Benefits of adopting the Effluent Code

- improved safety for all road users.
- improved animal welfare outcomes.
- improved public amenity.
- reduced risk of environmental damage, including the spreading of weeds, pests and disease.
- improved health and safety of workers involved in livestock handling.
- ongoing community support for the livestock industry.

Using the Effluent Code

If you influence or control livestock transport activities you should consider implementing the controls listed in the Effluent Code.

You can download a copy of the code from the NHVR website: www.nhvr.gov.au/safety-accreditation-compliance/industry-codes-of-practice/registered-industry-codes-of-practice

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The Effluent Code is relevant to parties that influence or control these activities in the livestock supply chain

Communication and cooperation support the management of livestock effluent during road transport.



1 Choosing a transporter



5 Planning & scheduling a journey



6 Loading livestock



7 Transporting livestock



8 Livestock transport training & driver monitoring



10 Assurance activities



2 Preparing livestock for transportation



3 Forming Contracts



4 Choosing & managing a vehicle



9 Managing livestock destinations

