

Attachment 4
Exporters report to the Insurance broker



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Dear Mark,

On the 5th December, I flew to Jakarta to attend the unloading of the Kalymnian Express which SEALS had loaded in Geraldton with 927 head of cattle on board. On Monday morning the owners of the vessel advised me that the ship had broken down in heavy seas and they were attempting to secure a tug to rescue the ship. Later in the day I received a telex from our stockman saying that the situation on the ship was critical with 15% of the cattle dead and a further 15% down and unable to stand and if there was no improvement in the conditions the total shipment would be lost

When the engine broke down the ship was just on the edge of the cyclone but when it started drifting it was being sucked at 3 knots per hour towards the center of the cyclone which caused condition to deteriorate further. On Monday night the ship's engine was started again and on Tuesday we made the decision to divert to Cilacap which was the closest port so as to save as many cattle as possible. The ship remained in international waters until Friday night when all the cattle, dead at that time had been disposed of.

When the ship was within phone range at 11pm on Friday night I talked to our stockman Pat Davidge and he advised that 191 head had been disposed of but there were at least another 100 head that would not survive. On Saturday morning we were informed by Quarantine Authorities that all live cattle must be removed from the ship as the ship had to remain in port for repairs. They would remove the dead cattle and bury them at our costs after the live ones were discharged.

708 head were unloaded and trucked to the Quarantine yards which were less than a kilometre away, but it was quite evident that many of them would not survive for long. I went to the yards on Saturday night and twice on Sunday but did not disturb the cattle as they needed to be left to rest. On Monday the 20th December our stockman Pat Davidge and Quarantine officials went through the cattle and counted the dead and destroyed those that were down on their side and could not sit up and had no chance of survival. Any cattle that could sit up were watered by bucket as some of them may be able to be lifted onto their feet after more rest. The final count of dead or destroyed cattle in the Quarantine yards was 82 head which brought the total mortalities to 301 head.

Regards

S.T. Parker
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