



## Orkney Ferries

### Carriage of Freight/Livestock Trailers & Mobile Homes to North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray - Lo/Lo Operations

To ensure compliance with [The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels \(Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 2006\)](#), the following requirements must be met.

#### Trailers

Owners/operators of trailers are advised to ensure that trailers forwarded for shipment are:

1. In possession of valid certificates of lifting and inspection as applicable.
2. Structurally sound and fit for transportation by sea.
3. Fitted with approved and tested lifting points.
4. Fitted with approved and tested lashing down points.
5. Fitted with an effective hand braking system.
6. Fitted with a means of support at the front end, e.g. jacks at the corners or a single jack fitted to the drawbar capable of supporting the weight of the trailer plus its contents at these points.
7. Accompanied by a Dangerous Goods Declaration Note when carrying dangerous goods.
8. Fitted with gates to prevent free movement of animals when loaded.
9. Never carrying larger animals, e.g. cattle and horses on the higher deck if fitted with a second livestock deck
10. Never carrying an insecure load
11. Never carrying an unstable load, i.e. where the centre of gravity of the load is excessively high and/or is not, as near as possible, perpendicular to the centre of gravity of the unladen trailer.
12. Never loaded beyond the certificated gross lifting weight.

#### Mobile Homes and Trailers

Where the above conditions are not met, trailers and mobile homes will be considered on a case-by-case basis, in these circumstances customers will be required to provide photographs of the trailer and load / mobile home so that an assessment can be made by the crew.

The crew's decision on acceptance of a trailer and load / mobile home will be final. Travel may be refused at the point of embarkation if the crew deem them to be unfit for lift on/lift off operation.

#### Weather

If weather conditions are deemed unsafe for lifting operations upon arrival at the port, lifting may be refused. The crew's decision will be final.

#### Disclaimer Forms

Where deemed necessary, the crew will request that a disclaimer form is completed. Where completion of the disclaimer form is declined, the crew reserves the right to refuse carriage.

#### Horse Boxes

Where the conditions above are not met, empty horse boxes will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Where the above conditions are met, a horse box and horse/s will be accepted provided the bulkhead is in place (in the case of a single horse) and the horses are tied.

Horse boxes are not to be used to transport cattle. Cattle must be transported in suitable trailers, such as those that are available from the Community Councils on request.