Do you consign livestock for transport?
Do you keep any pigs?
Are you a commercial egg producer?

New legally enforceable animal welfare standards are now in force in Tasmania for:

- Land transport of livestock
- Pigs
- Layer Poultry

The regulations are based on nationally agreed standards.

In addition to the national standards, the regulations also:

- Restrict the use of sow stalls; and
- Cap the number of commercial layer hens in cages in Tasmania

Make sure you know your animal welfare responsibilities under the law

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LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT
Everybody who owns, manages, transports, loads or unloads transported livestock has responsibilities under these regulations.
They cover:
- Most types of livestock
- Whether an animal is “fit to load”
- Suitability of facilities and vehicles
- Who is responsible for welfare during different stages of the journey
- Time off feed and water

PIGS
The Animal Welfare (Pigs) Regulations 2013 apply from 1 July 2013.
They set legally enforceable standards for the care and management of pigs.
They apply to anyone with the care or charge of a pig.
Areas covered include:
- Food and water
- Housing
- Husbandry procedures
- Use of farrowing crates
- Emergency euthanasia
In addition to the national standards the use of sow stalls is not permitted in Tasmania except for the purpose of mating and for no more than a total of 10 days in each reproductive cycle.
The regulations still permit sows to be housed in farrowing crates during lactation.

DOMESTIC POULTRY
The Animal Welfare (Domestic Poultry) Regulations 2013 are in force from 1 July 2013.
They apply to all commercial egg producers – that is, anyone with 20 or more layer hens who sells eggs.
The regulations set legally enforceable welfare standards for commercial layer hens. They apply to hens in all production systems whether they are caged, housed in barns or free range.
They cover:
- Provision of food and water
- Housing requirements
- Stocking density
Under the regulations, keeping commercial layer hens in cages is not permitted in Tasmania unless you:
- are an existing cage producer; or
- purchase all or part of an existing cage egg operation.

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