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**NATIONAL CERTIFICATE MODULE DESCRIPTOR**

<b>-Module Number-</b>	<b>0078358</b>	<b>-Session-1987-88</b>
<b>-Superclass-</b>	<b>SH</b>	
<b>-Title-</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES</b>	
<b>-DESCRIPTION-</b>		
Type and Purpose	A <u>specialist</u> module which develops the skills and knowledge necessary for the safe transportation of horses.	
Preferred Entry Level	0078350 Horse Handling	
Learning Outcomes	The student should:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. know the requirements for the safe transport of horses;</li><li>2. carry out the routine safety checks to the vehicle;</li><li>3. load and unload horses into box or trailer;</li><li>4. know the stress caused to the horse by travelling and the methods to alleviate it;</li><li>5. store all equipment within the vehicle safely.</li></ol>	
Content/ Context	Safety regulations and safe working practices and procedures should be observed at all times.  <u>Corresponding to Learning Outcomes 1-5:</u>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The requirements for horse transport in terms of the legal requirements for vehicles to comply with the road traffic acts, i.e. driving and road fund licensing, vehicle length, towing requirements for trailers, lighting/number plates, tachograph, box types and design for different purposes. First Aid Kit. Welfare requirements of the horse. Space padding, flooring, loading and unloading, provision travel times with stops, internal light.</li></ol>	

2. The routine checks to the vehicle, - fuel/oil/water, tyres. Number plates, lights, towing equipment, visual check of floor and body work of vehicle. Check all internal fittings for secure fixture and at correct position for the horse. Carry out any adjustments as required.
3. The correct procedure for loading the equipment and horse into the box/trailer. Loads a horse avoiding any undue stress. Any precautions to avoid damage or over excitement to the horse at loading. Dealing with a difficult horse. The reasons for assistance with loading horses.

The reasons and causes of stress in horses during transit.

All precautions possible to reduce stress in transit. Correct feeding prior to loading, adequate and secure box facilities, use of a companion horse, handling of box/trailer on road or yard. Travel time. Travelling clothing to avoid damage or discomfort to the horse. Use of bedding. Travelling groom.

5. Storage of all necessary saddlery, clothing grooming and feed. Storage of riders clothing and equipment. The reasons for correct storage and the methods of storage to avoid damage or spoilage of appearance of horse or rider equipment/clothing.

The techniques for cleaning and presentation of any items which deteriorated in transit.

#### Suggested Learning and Teaching Approaches

Lectures and talks on the legal requirements to be undertaken when transporting horses. Talks by visiting speakers ie transport manager, police on the implementation of the laws relating to motor vehicles and the transportation of livestock.

Lecture/talks by veterinary surgeon on the causes of stress and ways by which it can be reduced whilst livestock are in transit.

Visit to commercial vehicle manufacturers to see the range of transportation vehicles available.

Slides and video to illustrate the safe loading and transportation of stock including all safety equipment for horse and groom.

Practical session in the workshop carrying out basic maintenance and pre journey checks to a range of vehicles.

Practical sessions loading horses into a range of horse boxes and trailers.

Visit to busy yard to see the handling facilities available for the safe loading of horses.

Assessment  
Procedures

Acceptable performance in the module will be satisfactory achievement of the performance criteria specified for each Learning Outcome.

The following abbreviations are used below:

LO Learning Outcome  
IA Instrument of Assessment  
PC Performance Criteria

LO1 IA Written exercise.

PC The student states the legal and welfare requirements for the safe transport of horses to include:

- (a) driving and road fund licenses;
- (b) vehicle length;
- (c) towing requirements for trailers;
- (d) lighting and number plates;
- (e) tachograph;
- (f) different designs of horse boxes for different purposes;
- (g) first aid kit;
- (h) internal lighting, flooring and padding of the box;
- (i) loading and unloading;
- (j) travelling times and stops.

LO2 IA Practical exercise, in which the student carries out the routine safety checks to the vehicle.

PC The student:

- (a) checks fuel, oil and water level;

- (b) checks lights and replaces any bulbs;
- (c) checks the floor, body work and internal fittings of the vehicle.

LO3 IA Practical exercise on loading and unloading horses into a box or trailer.

PC The student:

- (a) prepares the horse adequately;
- (b) fits any appropriate clothing to the horses to include pole guard, rail guard, appropriate rugs, new boots, travelling bandages and hock boots;
- (c) ensures the safety of the horses, him/her self and any person nearby.

LO4 IA Written exercise.

PC The student describes the stress caused to the horse by travelling and describes the methods to alleviate it.

LO5 IA Practical exercise.

PC The student stores all equipment for the horse and rider correctly and safely inside the vehicle when transporting the horse.