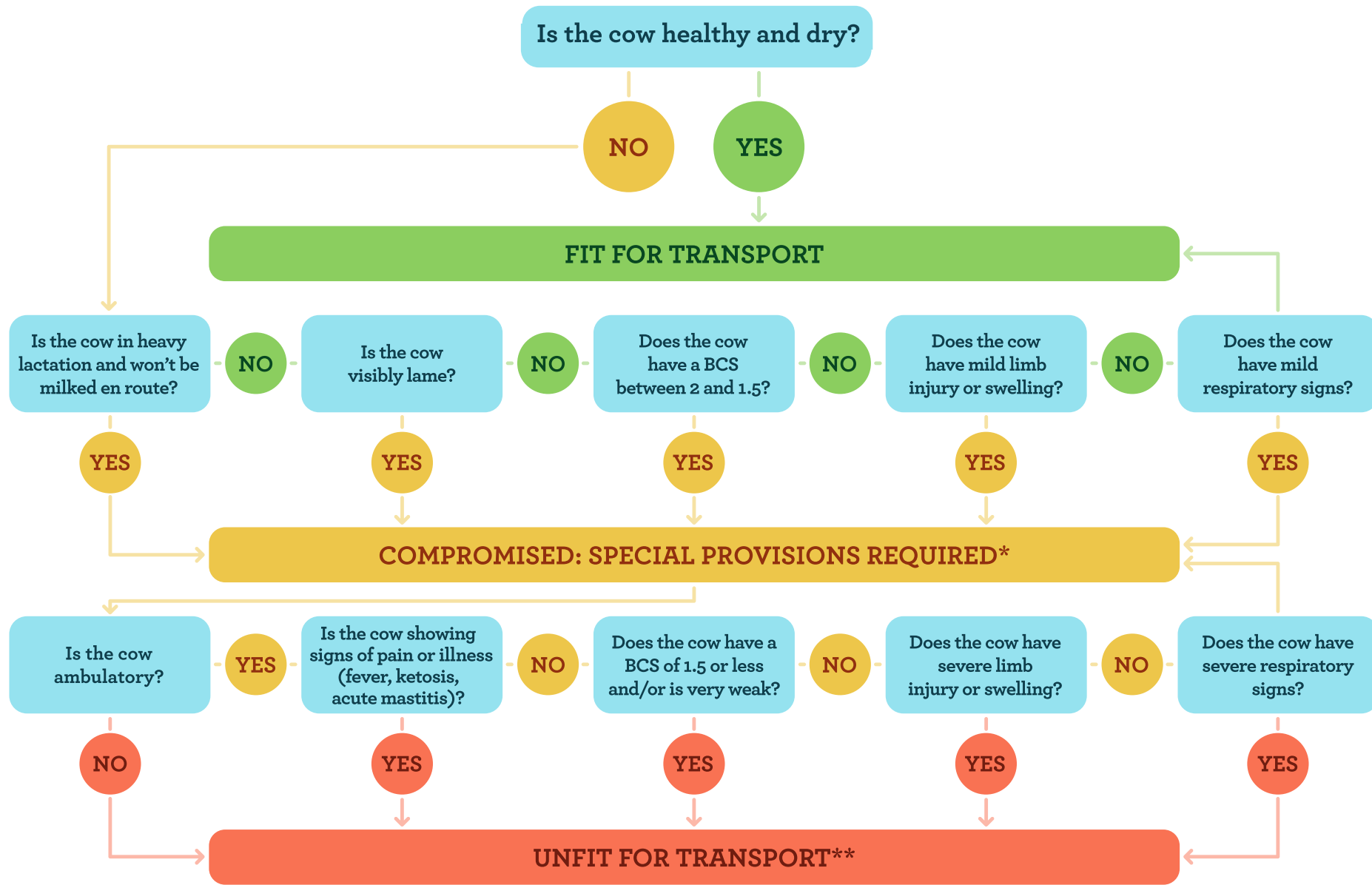


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\*Transport direct to nearest suitable place for care, treatment, or humane slaughter. Must load in rear compartment, keep separate from other animal, use extra bedding.

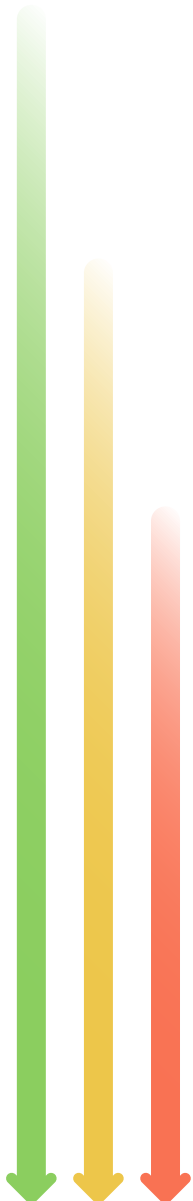
\*\*Transport only on the advice of a veterinarian for care or treatment.

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FITNESS FOR TRANSPORT



**Auction/Supply Yard:** the auction yard is only for animals fit for transport. Compromised animals may be transported directly to the nearest place, other than an assembly centre, where they can receive care or be humanely euthanized.

**Local Abattoir:** compromised animals may be taken to a local abattoir for humane slaughter. If the facility is inspected meat may go to retail or personal consumption.

**Cull Cow Buyers:** Compromised animals may only be sold to a cull cow broker if they are transported directly from farm to slaughter (no stopping, no assembly yards or auction markets).

**Mobile Abattoir:** If the animal is unfit for transport, a mobile abattoir (many with emergency services) may be used. If the carcass is vet inspected, meat may go to retail. Otherwise, meat is just for personal use.

**Treat/Dry-off and Delay Transport:** If an animal is compromised or unfit for travel but is treatable (or able to be dried-off) transport can be delayed until the animal is healthier.

**On-Farm Euthanasia:** If the animal is sick and unfit for consumption, emergency slaughter is unavailable, or there is no room for personal use of meat, the animal should be humanely euthanized on farm.

## FIT FOR TRANSPORT

- › Healthy
- › Dry
- › Not in last 10% of gestation or recently calved (48 hours)

## COMPROMISED

- › Heavy Lactation (not milked en route)
- › Visibly Lamé
- › BCS  $\leq 2$
- › Mild Limb Injury or Swelling
- › Mild Respiratory Signs

## UNFIT FOR TRANSPORT

- › Non-Ambulatory (cannot walk or stand)
- › Visibly Lamé
- › BCS  $\leq 1.5$  or very weak
- › Severe Pain
- › Sick

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