



## **BIOSECURITY PROTOCOL FOR MAPLE LEAF FOODS – LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA**

- 1. Have your manifest filled out prior to pigs being loaded and keep your copy at the farm. Do not bring any paperwork away from the plant.**
2. Always drive the most direct and biosecure route to the plant. Make no fuel stops while clean or loaded.
3. Phone Maple Leaf Security at **403-634-4832** and provide the names of all drivers and passengers. Proceed to the security entrance, the security personnel will come to the truck to allow you to sign in. Signing in must be done for safety reasons.
4. After backing the trailer to the unloading dock at the collection point, the driver should apply plastic disposable boots prior to leaving the cab and before stepping onto the ground(ensure you have your own supplies).
5. In a “change zone”, set up beside the truck, change into disposable coveralls and gloves (washable coveralls may be used if necessary). For safety reasons, we recommend changing into rubber boots, dedicated for unloading at the plant.
6. Go directly to the cargo area, to begin unloading, once permission is given.
7. No other personnel should enter the cargo area and pigs should flow one-way into the collection point. A “clean/dirty line” should verbally be established at the entrance to the collection point. Collection point personnel should not cross the line into the cargo area; the driver should not cross the line into the collection point alley way.
8. Plant employees will handle hogs from the unloading dock, into the barn.
9. Paperwork can be handed to plant personnel. We realize that you need to walk onto the dock to unload, but otherwise, **DO NOT ENTER THE PLANT.**

10. After the pigs have been unloaded, the driver should return to the “change zone” and remove dirty boots and place inside a garbage bag and “dirty” tote box. Basically a reversal of the arrival procedure.
11. If disposable boots and gloves are used, these can be discarded in the bins provided.
12. Plastic boots should be removed as you return to the cab, and discarded in garbage bins provided at the plant.
13. The driver should wipe hands and steering wheel with disinfectant wipes.
14. On leaving the plant property, please make sure security notices that you are leaving and they will note your departure.
15. Refuel and proceed to the nearest truck washing station to be washed, disinfected and dried. Pay particular attention to the loading ramp and rear gates of the cargo area since these areas have the highest risk of contamination. Also thorough washing of the tires, wheels and wheel wells is recommended.
16. The sooner the truck is washed after hauling, the easier it will be to clean in properly. Follow an approved sanitation protocol.
17. KEEP IT CLEAN!

**Transport remains a key part of breaking the contamination cycle. It is the driver’s responsibility to ensure his trailer is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to returning to the farm, or travelling to another farm for re-loading.**

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- 1. Disposable plastic boots e.g Knot-a-boot, treader.**
- 2. Disposable /reusable coveralls.**
- 3. Disposable gloves.**
- 4. Rubber boots that are dedicated for unloading at the plant only. These boots should be different than those used for loading at the farm.**

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