The Zero-Stress Sale Day Checklist

Don't let a missing paper stop the truck.

1. CRITICAL PAPERWORK (Do Not Load Without These)

- [ ] ASD Form (Animal Status Declaration): Completed and signed. Ensure the "TB Status" section is accurate.
- [ ] TB Test Certificate: Valid and attached (if applicable for your movement control area).
- [ ] Transport Docket / Consignment Note: Carrier details filled in clearly.
- [ ] Weigh Sheet / Tally: A printed list of Animal IDs and Weights for your own records.
- [ ] NWP (NAIT Number): Clearly written on the docket for the buyer/agent.

2. THE LIVESTOCK (Pre-Load Inspection)

- [ ] Fit for Transport Check:
    - [ ] No lame animals (must be able to bear weight on all 4 legs).
    - [ ] No ingrown horns.
    - [ ] No cancer eyes.
    - [ ] No late-term pregnancy (within 4 weeks of calving).
- [ ] NAIT Tag Check: Every animal has a tag. Check ears 1 hour before loading.
- [ ] Cleanliness Standard: Animals are not excessively dirty/daggy (Processors will penalize this).
- [ ] Stand-Off Period: Stock have been off green feed for at least 4-6 hours (to prevent effluent mess on the truck).

3. YARD EQUIPMENT & SAFETY

- [ ] Spare NAIT Tags & Pliers: In your pocket for last-minute replacements.
- [ ] Loading Ramp: Clear of obstacles, non-slip, and secure.
- [ ] Dogs: Hydrated and secured away from the trucks until needed.
- [ ] Phone: Fully charged (in case of truck delays or agent calls).

4. POST-LOADING (The Compliance Trap)

- [ ] Record Sending Movement in NAIT:
    - [ ] Must be done within 48 hours of the animals leaving.
    - [ ] Tip: Do this immediately after the truck leaves so you don't forget.