

## 2143 Sort and classify livestock for sale or despatch in livestock markets

**SQA Unit Code**

**H3DB 04**

**Level 3**

**SCQF Level 6**

**Credit value 4**

### Unit Summary

This unit concerns the sorting of livestock for sale and in readiness for despatch. Selection will be in accordance with the organisational requirements, and selection methods must be appropriate to the type of livestock concerned.

You must be able to identify any contingencies that may arise and take the appropriate action. Such actions may include halting the operations and/or informing supervisors. Contingencies may include bad weather, diseased animals and staff problems, for example. This type of work is often carried out in teams and therefore there is a requirement that communication with team members is clear and effective.

This unit does not cover the transportation of livestock

In order to be assessed as competent you must demonstrate to your assessor that you can consistently perform to the requirements set out below. Your performance evidence must include at least one observation by your assessor.

You must be able to:	You need to show:
<p>1. Sort and classify livestock This means you:</p> <p>Properly prepare the work area and the equipment to be used</p> <p>Sort the livestock correctly by size and weight, or by age, or by appearance, or by number, or by condition</p> <p>Assess the condition of livestock in accordance with instructions</p> <p>Collect the selected livestock and move them to the appropriate location</p> <p>Take the appropriate action with the livestock following selection</p>	<p>Evidence must be work-based, simulation alone is only allowed where shown in <b><i>bold italics</i></b></p> <p>Evidence of sorting and classifying livestock as part of your role in accordance with workplace procedures and within the limits of your own responsibilities.</p>

<p>Handle the livestock throughout the process in a manner that minimises stress Monitor all livestock effectively to maintain them in optimum condition</p> <p>Complete all relevant records accurately use safe working methods and practices consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice</p>	
<p>2. Sort livestock for loading</p> <p>This means you:</p> <p>Accurately identify and sort livestock for loading in accordance with organisational requirements</p> <p>Move the sorted livestock into a suitable area for collection</p> <p>Handle the livestock throughout in a manner which minimises stress</p> <p>Maintain the livestock in optimum condition communicate information relating to the loading of the livestock accurately</p> <p>Identify any situations that prevent the loading of livestock and either halt the process or inform the relevant person or people</p> <p>Ensure the site, equipment and materials are prepared ready for re-use maintain effective communication throughout the sorting and loading process</p> <p>Use safe working methods and practices consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice</p>	<p>Evidence of sorting livestock for loading as part of your role in accordance with workplace procedures and within the limits of your own responsibilities.</p>

You need to know and understand:

Evidence of knowledge and understanding should be collected during observation of performance in the workplace. Where it cannot be collected by observing performance, other assessment methods should be used.

1. the type and condition of the equipment that is used for sorting livestock
2. how the area and equipment is prepared in order to sort the livestock concerned
3. how assessment of livestock is carried out and the reasons for using the different methods

4. how livestock are collected and contained
5. how to identify livestock for sale and for loading
6. the actions you need to take to prepare livestock for sale and for loading, and the reasons why
7. the steps you must take to maintain the livestock in optimum condition
8. the appropriate methods for moving and sorting the livestock
9. the correct methods for handling the livestock, both in groups and individually
10. how the sorting process might cause stress to the livestock
11. the welfare and commercial considerations when the livestock become stressed
12. the optimum condition of the livestock during the sorting process, and what problems can arise
13. the situations that might prevent the livestock being moved, and the appropriate contingency action to take
14. the importance of maintaining effective communication throughout the process
15. the format and purpose of records used in the livestock market
16. your responsibilities under animal health and welfare regulations and legislation
17. your responsibilities under health and safety regulations and legislation

Evidence of performance may employ examples of the following assessment:

- observation
- written and oral questioning;
- evidence from company systems (e.g. Food Safety Management System)
- reviewing the outcomes of work
- checking any records of documents completed
- checking accounts of work that the candidate or others have written