

<b>Protect equine welfare in lairage operations</b>	
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<p><b>Unit summary</b></p> <p>This unit supports workforce development for those whose role includes responsibilities for the protection of equine welfare in lairage operations.</p> <p>The unit is designed for use by operatives and others who carry out these workplace activities. The aim of the unit is to determine competent performance to recognised National Occupational Standards. This unit meets the requirements of EU regulation 1099/2009 for the protection of animals at time of killing.</p>	
<p><b>Assessment requirements /guidance</b></p> <p>This unit is designed to assess the skills and knowledge of learners in the workplace for roles including responsibilities for the protection of equine welfare in lairage operations.</p> <p>The learner must be able to demonstrate their competent performance consistently over a period of time, to meet all of the assessment criteria. This will be achieved by at least two observations of competent performance in the workplace, and may be supported by witness testimony and other workplace evidence. Observations (of at least one species of equine) must ensure that the learner's working practice is at commercial speed and in compliance with standard operating procedures. Assessment methods appropriate to the learner must be used to assess knowledge and understanding – either on or off the job.</p> <p>The Improve Assessment Strategy for Qualifications in Food and Drink, Scotland sets out the overarching assessment requirements.</p>	
<p><b>Relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards, and other qualifications</b></p> <p>This unit relates directly to Improve National Occupational Standards;            SD.509S Receive livestock in food manufacture            SD.510K Understand how to receive livestock in food manufacture</p> <p>It is also used in the QCF Awards and Certificates for Protecting Animal Welfare at the Time of Killing:            QCF Level 2, QCF Credit 3, Guided Learning Hours 13.</p>	

<b>Learning Outcomes</b> <b>The learner will:</b>	<b>Assessment Criteria</b> <b>The learner can:</b>
1. Prepare for lairage in accordance with Food Business Operator's (FBO's) procedures	1.1 Check and complete documentation from the delivery driver for accepting livestock  1.2 Check that the delivery vehicle is in position for the unloading of livestock  1.3 Check that the areas for unloading livestock are safe from risks and hazards including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• danger of slips/falls</li> <li>• sharp objects/obstructions</li> <li>• lighting conditions</li> <li>• noise</li> <li>• insufficient space</li> <li>• risk of escape</li> </ul> 1.4 Check that handling aids are available and safe for use  1.5 Check and report the welfare status of livestock  1.6 Take action to deal with livestock showing any welfare concern  1.7 Follow FBO's procedures.
2. Lairage livestock in accordance with FBO's procedures	2.1 Contribute to the safe unloading of livestock  2.2 Check that the areas for moving and penning livestock are safe from risks and hazards including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• danger of slips/falls</li> <li>• sharp objects/obstructions</li> <li>• lighting conditions</li> <li>• noise</li> <li>• insufficient space</li> <li>• sufficient separation</li> <li>• risk of escape</li> </ul> 2.3 Move and pen livestock in ways that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• takes into account normal behaviour</li> <li>• ensures their physical comfort</li> <li>• minimises avoidable pain</li> <li>• minimises suffering and distress</li> </ul> 2.4 Check that livestock have access to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clean water</li> <li>• food where required</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bedding where required</li> </ul> <p>2.5 Take action to maintain access to water, food and bedding where required</p> <p>2.6 Report and take action to deal with livestock showing any welfare concern</p> <p>2.7 Follow FBO's procedures.</p>
<p>3. Understand how to protect livestock welfare in lairage operations in accordance with FBO's procedures</p>	<p>3.1 State own responsibilities under animal welfare regulations for unloading and lairage of livestock</p> <p>3.2 State the behavioural characteristics of livestock in lairage operations and why it is important to minimise avoidable pain, suffering and distress</p> <p>3.3 State why it is important and how to identify livestock that are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dead</li> <li>• diseased</li> <li>• injured</li> <li>• ill</li> <li>• distressed</li> </ul> <p>3.4 Outline how to move and pen individual and groups of livestock in ways which minimise avoidable pain, suffering and distress</p> <p>3.5 State the importance of environmental conditions for the lairage of livestock including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• temperature</li> <li>• humidity</li> <li>• ventilation</li> <li>• lighting</li> <li>• noise</li> <li>• raceways and pens</li> <li>• floors</li> </ul> <p>3.6 Outline the manufacturer's instructions and permitted/prohibited methods for the use of handling aids</p> <p>3.7 Outline the FBO's procedures for unloading and lairage of livestock.</p>