

# LANAgM3 – SQA Unit Code H58L 04

## Plan and monitor the movement of animals



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### Overview

This standard covers the development of an animal movement plan in accordance with business and legislative requirements. As well as monitoring the movement of animals against the animal movement plan.

The plan will include a range of livestock movements, for example, complex grazing patterns (rotation), the relocation of the outdoor pig herd, planning the movement of animals ready for market, as well as more routine movements; cows to the milking parlour, routine stock procedures or to suitable accommodation at different stages of the production cycle; as well as responding to unplanned events caused by changes to the weather or other reasons.

Planning will need to demonstrate the effect movements will have on the enterprise and whole farm business. It will also be necessary to monitor and review the effectiveness of the activity, whether planned or unplanned.

The animal's health and welfare is paramount.

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 plan for the movement of animals taking into account reasons for movement
  - P2 ensure availability of suitable location/premises to which animals can be moved
  - P3 ensure availability of resources required for successful completion of livestock movement
  - P4 select appropriate route and transport where necessary
  - P5 ensure proper hygiene and bio-security arrangements are in place
  - P6 produce protocols for particular movement procedures that farm staff can follow and which will meet business, legislative and code of practice requirements
  - P7 communicate plan(s) accurately to those who need to be informed, including those carrying out particular movement of animals
  - P8 monitor implementation and effectiveness of the plans
  - P9 ensure completion of appropriate records as required
  - P10 prepare contingency plans
  - P11 respond to unplanned reasons for the movement of animals
  - P12 monitor the effectiveness of unplanned movement of animals

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 circumstances which require livestock to be moved e.g. seasonality, age, sexual maturity, nutritional requirements, need for isolation, buying, selling
- K2 regulations which dictate when animals are deemed fit to travel
- K3 possible effect on the enterprise, whole farm business, other interested parties
- K4 the importance of ensuring the movement of animals is planned and communicated clearly to all parties
- K5 factors affecting the choice of route / transport
- K6 how to source relevant resources required for the movement
- K7 records required to meet legislative and other requirements
- K8 how different animals may have specific needs, before, during and after movement and how to recognise this by behavioural changes
- K9 how bio-security and health status may be compromised as a result of animal movements
- K10 the staff competencies needed for animal movements to be successful
- K11 when it is necessary to mark or identify the animals being moved
- K12 how livestock movements could have possible environmental effects
- K13 the importance of ensuring the plan meets relevant legislation and code of practice
- K14 the importance of monitoring the plan and the circumstances which may dictate the need to change the plan; including long term and more immediately
- K15 circumstances which may require the unplanned movement of animals

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### Links to other NOS

This standard covers the movement of animals on farms; transport of animals is covered in standard CU117.

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