

LANCS66 SQA Unit Code H59T 04

Maintain the health and welfare of animals during transportation

Overview

This standard covers maintaining the health and welfare of animals during transportation. It is not intended to cover the driving of vehicles, but focuses on the role of maintaining the health and welfare of animals during transportation.

It is essential that during the transportation of animals, steps are taken to monitor the health and general well-being of the animal. Monitoring will include checking the animals for signs of stress, and recognising common symptoms of ill-health. The behaviour, appearance and bodily functions of the animals will provide clues regarding the well-being of the animals

When working with livestock or machinery you need to be appropriately trained in line with current legislation, and hold a relevant award where appropriate.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 monitor animals health and well-being at the required times to identify any causes for concern
 - P2 maintain animal health and well-being at optimal levels throughout the journey consistent with relevant legislation
 - P3 recognise changes in animal health and well-being that might signify stress or ill-health and take the appropriate actions
 - P4 maintain the transportation environment in a manner and to a level appropriate to the animals concerned
 - P5 take the appropriate actions to maintain the safety and security of the animals when you have to leave them
 - P6 take the appropriate actions to maintain the safety, health and well-being of the animals, and minimise the risks to the animals when there are unexpected occurrences
 - P7 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation and animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
 - P8 maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security
 - P9 maintain records as appropriate

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 indicators of animal health and well-being
- K2 signs and symptoms of the deterioration of animal health and well-being, in relation to appearance, body functions and behaviour
- K3 when to monitor health and well-being according to the animals being transported, relevant legislation and the method of transportation being used
- K4 factors that cause stress to the animals
- K5 how to assess the significance of signs of stress or ill-health are, and determining actions to be taken and their urgency
- K6 how to maintain health and well-being of particular animals (e.g. through the provision of feed, breaks from travelling, maintaining the transportation environment)
- K7 methods of maintaining the transportation environment for particular animals, and the levels to which it needs to be maintained
- K8 circumstances in which animals can be left and how safety and security may be maintained
- K9 the possible unexpected occurrences that may occur and how each may be best handled
- K10 the records which need to be maintained
- K11 the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
- K12 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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Glossary

Preparing the transportation in terms of, cleanliness, safety, security, travel requirements of animals.

Minimising the animals stress in relation to, the number of animals to the size of the transporter, environmental conditions

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