

LANLP7 SQA Unit Code H5BF 04

Establish, monitor and maintain livestock within indoor accommodation

Overview

This standard covers establishing, monitoring and maintaining livestock within indoor accommodation. The main emphasis will depend on the species of animal(s) you work with. Changes may occur in the behaviour or physical condition of the livestock and you must be able to take the appropriate action when changes are identified.

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

You must carry out your work in a way which will consider any impact on the natural environment.

This standard is suitable for those involved in the establishment, monitoring and maintenance of livestock within indoor accommodation.

Note: For Poultry - if you are working with commercial poultry, and are working with large numbers, the main emphasis of this is the reception of the birds and settling them into their accommodation. You will only be required to maintain the accommodation for as long as it takes to settle the birds, probably a day or two on each occasion.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 ensure tools, equipment and machinery is fit for use and properly set up prior to undertaking the activity
 - P2 confirm the suitability of indoor accommodation ready for the reception of the livestock
 - P3 introduce the livestock into the indoor accommodation in a way that minimises stress and maintains their health and welfare
 - P4 monitor the livestock carefully to assess their on-going health and welfare
 - P5 maintain the indoor accommodation in accordance with livestock requirements
 - P6 ensure an adequate supply of feed and water is available where appropriate
 - P7 maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security
 - P8 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
 - P9 keep accurate and up-to-date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
 - P10 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

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 types of tools, equipment and machinery required and how to prepare, maintain and use these safely and effectively
- K2 the relationship between the indoor accommodation and livestock health and well-being
- K3 procedures for checking whether the indoor accommodation is suitable for livestock
- K4 the environmental conditions which promote the health and well-being of livestock
- K5 methods of handling livestock safely
- K6 methods of establishing livestock into the indoor accommodation which minimises their stress and optimises their acceptance
- K7 correct methods for monitoring livestock to maintain health and welfare
- K8 how to recognise healthy livestock and signs of ill-health
- K9 reasons for monitoring environmental conditions, maintaining indoor accommodation and the importance of reporting variations and the potential consequences of failing to do so
- K10 limits of authority in dealing with difficulties or concerns
- K11 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K12 the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
- K13 how to handle, store, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements

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Glossary

Monitor livestock for: condition, behaviour, health and ill-health

Links to other NOS

Maintaining poultry accommodation is covered in other units:
Brood and grow young birds;
Assist with establishing and maintaining egg production;
Maintain a mechanically controlled livestock production environment.

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