

LANCS65 SQA Unit Code (HA6H 04)

Load and unload animals for transportation



Overview

This standard covers loading and unloading animals for transportation. It includes establishing them in the transport, unloading them and establishing them in their new environment. You will need suitable skills for handling animals, and be able to put the knowledge and understanding of animal welfare into practice.

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

This standard is suitable for anyone who loads and unloads animals for transportation.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 identify the animals to be transported and prepare them for travel in an appropriate manner
- P2 ensure the transport is suitable
- P3 load the animals using an appropriate method and in a manner that minimises their stress and risk of injury
- P4 establish the animals within the transport and make them safe and secure for the journey
- P5 contain the animals in a manner that optimises their welfare and is consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
- P6 use working methods and systems that promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
- P7 check that the new environment is prepared to allow for the safe receipt of the animals
- P8 unload the animals using appropriate methods and in a manner that minimises their stress and risk of injury
- P9 safely establish the animals in their new environment
- P10 monitor and maintain the health and well-being of the animals throughout
- P11 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P12 take appropriate action without delay where there are any concerns over the animals' health and well-being
- P13 keep accurate and up-to-date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
- P14 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 how to identify the animals for transportation
- K2 how to assess the fitness of the animals to be transported and have an awareness of the conditions that exclude them from transportation
- K3 how the animals concerned need to be prepared for travel
- K4 the appropriate feed levels for animals
- K5 the protective measures for animals
- K6 how transport needs to be prepared for the animals to ensure their safety and security and the likely risks involved
- K7 the factors that affect animal stress and how these can be minimised
- K8 the appropriate methods of loading the animals which minimises their stress
- K9 how to establish and secure animals in the transport
- K10 the legal requirements in relation to stocking density and number of animals in transport
- K11 the legal requirements with regard to maximum journey times
- K12 your responsibilities under animal welfare, the transport of animals and health and safety legislation
- K13 how to optimise the health and well-being of animals ready for transportation
- K14 the requirements of particular animals in relation to the preparation of an environment to allow their safe receipt
- K15 who is to receive the animals and any information that they require
- K16 the safe methods of unloading particular animals
- K17 the different methods of establishing animals in new environments
- K18 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
- K19 the indicators of potential problems with health and well-being in animals and how this is manifested in their behaviour
- K20 how to assess critical causes for concern and determine the appropriate action in each case
- K21 the necessary documentation and the information necessary to complete it
- K22 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety

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Glossary

Preparing the transportation in terms of, cleanliness, health and safety, security, travel requirements of animals, environmental conditions

Preparing the new environment in the following ways, removal of hazards, establishing living conditions and facilities, information passed to the relevant people.

Current animal welfare legislation:

England and Wales, Animal Welfare Act 2006

Scotland, Animal Health and Welfare Act 2006

Northern Ireland, Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Welfare of animals during transport regulations 2006

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