

Prepare, move and re-locate livestock in food operations

Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge needed to prepare, move and re-locate livestock in food operations.

You must show you understand and can prepare to move and re-locate livestock. You must understand how to and be able to check livestock destinations and routes, report livestock which show any signs of injury and stress, as well as monitor livestock and work within health, safety, hygiene and welfare regulations.

This standard is for you if you work in food operations and the associated supply operations and your role requires you to move and re-locate livestock.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Prepare to move livestock

1. identify and locate livestock which are to be re-located, in line with instructions received
2. check livestock destinations and routes before livestock are moved and take remedial action to correct problems
3. report livestock showing any signs of injury, stress, abnormal physical condition or behaviour to the relevant person
4. identify how you would deal with any problems which may arise before approaching livestock
5. identify livestock needing isolation to the relevant person

Move livestock

6. approach livestock in a calm, confident manner and move them at a suitable pace from the holding area without causing injury and minimal stress
7. monitor the livestock's behaviour and control their movement to check the livestock reach their destination in compliance with relevant safety procedures
8. ask for help immediately when there are difficulties in moving the livestock
9. restrain livestock in line with instructions and in compliance with health and safety regulations
10. re-locate livestock to the agreed destination at the end of the procedure

Work safely and hygienically

11. use personal protective equipment in line with health, safety and hygiene requirements
12. follow safe hygienic working practices when moving and re-locating livestock

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. what personal protective equipment may be required and how it should be used
2. how to maintain livestock holding areas
3. why it is important to inspect livestock holding areas
4. how to identify livestock that need to be separated and reasons why livestock may need to be isolated
5. how to isolate livestock in compliance with health, safety and welfare procedures
6. procedures for restraining livestock
7. types of hazards that you may face when restraining livestock
8. why it is important to know your physical limitations and experience in dealing with specific livestock
9. why it is important to ask for assistance when this becomes necessary
10. how to identify the correct holding areas for different livestock
11. how to check that livestock are moved to the right destination and in a manner that complies with welfare regulations
12. how to identify different types of livestock
13. what is normal and abnormal behaviour in both female and male livestock
14. how to approach livestock and why it is important to do so calmly and quietly
15. why it is important to check the welfare of livestock
16. why livestock are held in different holding areas and have different destination routes
17. why it is important to check livestock holding areas, destinations and routes before moving livestock
18. why it is important to use suitable personal protective equipment
19. how to re-locate livestock
20. how to avoid stress and injury to livestock when moving them
21. procedures for moving livestock between different locations on site
22. how to plan the route and destination of livestock
23. how to secure holding areas
24. why livestock need to be monitored after being moved
25. how to recognise signs of injured or stressed livestock, abnormal conditions and behaviour in livestock
26. when livestock should be moved and the pace of that movement
27. how to keep records of incidents relating to animal welfare and why that is important
28. your responsibilities under health and safety regulations and legislation

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29. your responsibilities under animal health and welfare regulations and legislation

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