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## Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge needed to monitor the health and welfare of livestock pre-slaughter in food operations.

You will need to understand how to and show you can monitor the condition of the livestock between the arrival on the site and movement to the line for slaughter. You will need to understand how to and show you can handle the livestock in compliance with animal welfare regulations.

This standard is for you if you work in food operations and the associated supply operations and your role requires you to provide pre-slaughter care of livestock.

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## Performance criteria

You must be able to:

### **Monitor welfare of livestock**

1. monitor the safety, security and welfare of livestock
2. monitor the condition and behaviour of livestock regularly and report any problems to the appropriate person
3. identify problems with livestock and follow procedures to deal with them
4. check the condition of livestock waiting to be unloaded
5. identify dead-on-arrival, dying, diseased or injured livestock
6. follow procedures to inform appropriate people about dead-on-arrival, dying, diseased or injured livestock
7. handle livestock within health, safety and welfare regulations and minimise stress and injury

### **Monitor environmental conditions for livestock**

8. check environmental conditions to ensure the welfare of livestock
9. identify problems with environmental conditions and follow procedures to deal with them

## Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. your responsibilities under animal welfare regulations and legislation
2. your responsibilities under health and safety regulations and legislation
3. how to assess the suitability of environmental conditions and why that is important
4. how to check vehicles, equipment and livestock in holding areas
5. procedures for monitoring health and wellbeing of livestock
6. how to promote the health and welfare of livestock and minimise stress and injury
7. how to identify different conditions on livestock
8. how to identify livestock that need restraint, separation or isolation
9. the different causes that can affect the livestock's behaviour
10. how to recognise different problems with different types of livestock in relation to appearance, posture, movement and behaviour, and how to deal with them
11. how to recognise stress in livestock
12. how to approach and restrain livestock in accordance with safety regulations and with minimum stress

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