

## Overview

This standard covers the establishment, monitoring and maintenance of livestock on outdoor sites. This includes monitoring the continued suitability of the outdoor site to support the livestock and recognising changes in the condition or behaviour of the livestock.

You must be able to take the appropriate action where such changes are identified.

When working with livestock or machinery you should be trained and hold current certification, where required.

When carrying out your work you must consider the impact it will have on the environment.

This standard is suitable for those responsible for establishing, monitoring and maintaining livestock on outdoor sites.

## Performance criteria

### *You must be able to:*

1. assess the risks associated with the activity to be carried out
2. wear suitable clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE)
3. select, prepare, use, maintain and store the required tools and equipment safely and correctly
4. check and confirm the suitability of the outdoor site and that it is ready for livestock, its boundaries are safe and secure and shelter, if required, is available
5. confirm the supply of feed and clean water meets livestock and legal requirements
6. establish the livestock on the outdoor site in a manner that minimises stress and maintains their health and welfare and maintains your own safety
7. monitor and maintain the outdoor site and its boundaries to confirm their continuing suitability, safety and security
8. **monitor the livestock** to assess their on-going health and welfare while on the outdoor site and report any changes
9. monitor the supply of feed and water, in accordance with livestock requirements and environmental conditions
10. adjust the quantity and mix of livestock where required, to take account of the production stage and animal needs
11. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in, or affected by, your work
12. maintain hygiene and bio-security, in accordance with business practices
13. deal with waste safely and correctly, in accordance with relevant legal requirements and business practices
14. carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and business policies
15. complete records as required by relevant legislation and the business

## Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. the potential hazards to livestock and people that may be present on outdoor livestock sites and how these can be minimised
2. the type of clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the activity
3. the types of tools and equipment required and how to prepare, maintain, use and store these safely and correctly
4. how to assess the suitability of the outdoor site for the livestock and any potential safety or security hazards
5. the suitability of different boundaries, and shelter if required, for the livestock
6. the requirements livestock have for feed and water on outdoor sites and the relevant legal requirements
7. the methods of handling livestock safely and effectively
8. the methods of establishing livestock on outdoor sites that minimise stress and optimise acceptance and the hazards that might occur when releasing livestock
9. the methods for monitoring livestock on outdoor sites to maintain their health and welfare and the potential consequences of failing to do so
10. how to recognise healthy livestock and signs of ill-health
11. the need for checking stock numbers and boundaries
12. the importance of recognising forage depletion and when to remove livestock based on the condition and availability of food
13. the causes of water shortages and contamination and the actions to be taken
14. the methods of providing feed and water to livestock on outdoor sites
15. the types of problems that may occur and the limits of your responsibility in relation to resolving identified problems
16. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in, or affected by, your work and how this should be done
17. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
18. how to handle, store, transport and dispose of waste, in accordance with relevant legal requirements and business practices
19. your responsibilities for the welfare of livestock under relevant

animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and business policies

20. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
21. the records that need to be kept and the importance of completing them

**Glossary**

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

Establish, monitor and maintain livestock on outdoor sites

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