
Overview

This standard covers monitoring and maintaining the supply of feed and water to livestock. This will be in accordance with dietary, veterinary and production requirements.

It includes monitoring and maintaining the ongoing supply of feed and water and also involves checking that the livestock are eating and drinking suitable amounts of feed and water.

You are also required to monitor the **healthy performance** of the livestock in relation to production requirements.

When working with livestock or equipment 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 who are responsible for monitoring and maintaining the supply of feed and water to livestock.

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. confirm that the equipment used to supply feed and water to livestock is safe, clean and in good condition and full working order
4. confirm that hygiene and bio-security is maintained in accordance with business practices
5. monitor and maintain the storage of all livestock feed in the correct manner
6. monitor the condition of feed and water prior to supply and take the appropriate action where required
7. confirm that livestock are provided with the correct type and quantity of feed in accordance with the dietary programme
8. confirm that a supply of clean, fresh water is supplied, in accordance with livestock requirements
9. monitor the feeding and drinking habits of the livestock and report concerns immediately to the relevant person
10. confirm that the health and welfare of the livestock is maintained throughout the feeding and watering process
11. monitor and report on the effectiveness of the dietary programme in meeting its objectives
12. monitor and report on the behaviour and welfare of the livestock
13. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in, or affected by, your work
14. confirm that waste is processed safely and correctly, in accordance with relevant legal requirements and business practices
15. carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and business policies
16. confirm that records are maintained and stored as required by relevant legislation and the business

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. how to identify hazards and assess risks
2. the type of clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the activity
3. the types of equipment required for providing the supply of **feed** and water to livestock
4. the methods of cleaning and maintaining feeding and watering equipment and the importance of checking that the equipment cannot cause injury to the livestock
5. the types of pests and vermin and how to prevent them gaining access to feed and water supplies
6. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
7. the types of **feed** and stock levels needed to meet the dietary programme
8. how to maintain the quality of livestock **feed** and the possible consequences of poor quality or reduced quantity of feed
9. the correct methods and procedures for providing access to **feed** and water for livestock
10. the expected feed and water intake of the livestock you are monitoring and what changes in feeding and drinking habits might indicate
11. the types of problems that may occur during feeding and watering and the limits of your responsibility in relation to resolving identified problems
12. the different types of medication and supplementary feed that may be used for the livestock you are monitoring, the purpose of these and how they can be provided via **feed** or water
13. the importance of monitoring livestock behaviour and welfare for signs of sickness or injury and how these should be reported
14. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in, or affected by, your work and how this should be done
15. how to handle, store, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal requirements and business practices
16. your responsibilities for the welfare of livestock under relevant animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and business policies
17. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and

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- safety policy legislation, codes of practice and business policies
18. the records that need to be kept and the importance of completing them

Glossary

Feed:

- straights
- blends
- total mixed diet
- hay
- silage
- milk, etc.

Healthy performance may cover growth, development and reproduction.

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