
Overview

This standard covers the planning, establishment and maintenance of livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems. Systems may be permanent or portable or a mix of the two and can be built from a wide variety of materials. Cost and flexibility are key considerations when planning livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems.

Good handling and restraint facilities are essential to maintain high standards of safety for both livestock and operators, especially when working alone or with limited help.

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

This standard is suitable for those who manage the planning, establishment and maintenance of livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. consider the **requirements** of the farming situation and the type of livestock when planning livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems
2. consider animal behaviour when planning livestock and restraint facilities/systems
3. research the availability, quality of construction and price of manufactured products on the market, including the after-sales service and availability of replacement parts
4. evaluate options for self-construction, including suitable materials, giving consideration to durability, transportability (where this is a requirement), maintenance requirements and price
5. determine options for the purchase of manufactured products, self-construction or a combination of the two, which will best meet the requirements of the farming situation and the type of livestock
6. observe different facilities/systems in use to assess their suitability
7. seek and evaluate specialist advice where required
8. plan livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems
9. check and confirm that the design meets the relevant health and safety standards and codes of practice for both livestock and operators
10. implement the plan and establish the livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems
11. implement a plan to maintain the livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems to ensure all components are kept in full working condition
12. review the safety and effectiveness of the livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems in accordance with business practices and make improvements as required

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the purpose of the livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems required
2. how to plan the different types of livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems, including dimensions, design and construction, for different types of livestock
3. how different types of livestock will naturally move/flow through a system and the design features that will assist this
4. the suitable restraint equipment for different types of livestock
5. the properties of different materials and their suitability for establishing livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems
6. how to research the market and how to access specialist advice
7. where to observe different facilities/systems in use
8. the building standards relevant to establishing livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems
9. the relevant legislation, codes of practice, health and safety requirements and animal welfare standards for livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems, for both livestock and operators
10. the maintenance requirements for different types of livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems
11. the importance of regular review of the safety and effectiveness of livestock handling and restraint facilities/systems

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Glossary

Requirements: capacity, layout, design, construction

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