

Overview

This standard covers preparing, loading and incubating eggs for hatching in accordance with instructions.

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

This standard is suitable for those who prepare, load and incubate eggs.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. be aware of hazards associated with the activity to be carried out
2. wear suitable clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE)
3. select, prepare, use and maintain the required tools, equipment and materials, safely and correctly
4. prepare the incubation area and environment safely, in accordance with **instructions**
5. load eggs into the incubator correctly, in accordance with **instructions**
6. assist in checking the incubator alarm system
7. incubate eggs in accordance with **instructions**
8. monitor incubation and report any faults with the incubator environment, in accordance with **instructions**
9. assist with checking egg fertility at the required intervals, in line with business requirements
10. select eggs for hatching and transfer them using the correct methods, in accordance with **instructions**
11. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in your work
12. maintain hygiene and bio-security, in accordance with **instructions**
13. process waste safely and correctly, in accordance with **instructions**
14. carry out your 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
15. complete records as required by the relevant legislation and the business

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the hazards associated with preparing, loading and incubating eggs
2. the type of clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the activity
3. the types of tools, equipment and materials required and how to prepare, use, maintain and store them safely and correctly
4. the methods of preparing the incubation area and environment
5. the timing requirements of the incubation system
6. the ways in which eggs should be loaded into the incubator
7. the methods and reasons for monitoring the incubator environment
8. the indications that the incubator environment requires adjustment and the action to take in this case
9. the use of alarms and the actions to be taken in the event of an alarm sounding
10. the methods of checking the fertility of eggs
11. how to identify that the eggs are ready for transfer
12. the limits of your responsibility for preparing, loading and incubating eggs
13. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in your work and how this should be done
14. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
15. the importance of meeting relevant food safety and industry quality assurance standards
16. how to process the different types of waste produced by the activity
17. your responsibilities for the welfare of birds under relevant animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
18. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
19. the methods of stock control, record keeping and reporting used by the business

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Glossary

Instructions: verbal or written

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