

## Prepare indoor accommodation for livestock

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### Overview

This standard covers the preparation of indoor accommodation for livestock. This involves preparing the accommodation and setting up all equipment ready for use by livestock.

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 who prepare indoor accommodation for livestock.

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### 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 equipment and materials, safely and correctly
4. carry out the cleaning of livestock accommodation, in accordance with **instructions** and relevant legal requirements, in a way which maintains your health and safety and the health and welfare of the livestock
5. prepare the indoor accommodation for the introduction of livestock in accordance with **instructions**
6. check and confirm that the accommodation is safe, secure and free from hazards, in accordance with **instructions** and relevant animal health and welfare requirements
7. check and confirm that fittings are adjusted, replenished or replaced and are in a suitable condition for the introduction of livestock
8. provide accommodation materials in accordance with **instructions**
9. check and confirm that environmental conditions are suitable for the introduction of livestock
10. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in, or affected by, your work
11. maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with business practices
12. process waste safely and correctly in accordance with relevant legal requirements and business practices
13. 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
14. complete records as required by relevant legislation and the business

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### 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 and materials required for preparing indoor accommodation for livestock and how to prepare, use, maintain and store these safely and correctly
4. the types and size of accommodation suitable for livestock being housed and how these will vary at different stages of the production cycle
5. the cleaning routines for livestock accommodation appropriate to the species concerned and the type of accommodation
6. how different cleaning methods and materials may affect your health and safety and the health and welfare of the livestock, and how to minimise possible detrimental effects
7. the potential hazards that may occur in livestock accommodation and how these can be minimised
8. livestock health and welfare requirements and how to promote them
9. the importance of checking that all materials used in livestock accommodation are free from contamination
10. the environmental conditions required in the accommodation in order to maintain the health and welfare of the livestock being housed
11. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in, or affected by, your work and how this should be done
12. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
13. how to handle, store, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with relevant legal requirements and business practices
14. your responsibilities for the welfare of livestock under relevant animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and business policies
15. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
16. the records that need to be kept and the importance of completing them

**Glossary**

**Instructions:** verbal or written

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