

## Receive and select eggs for hatching

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### Overview

This standard covers receiving and selecting eggs for hatching. You are required to correctly identify incoming eggs in terms of source and codes. You are also required to check that eggs are at the right level of cleanliness, 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 receive and select eggs for hatching.

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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. check that the work area is safe and suitable for use
5. receive incoming eggs accurately by source, number and code
6. check that eggs are at the right level of cleanliness, in accordance with **instructions**
7. select eggs ready for incubation and hatching
8. handle, grade and tray eggs ready for incubation and hatching in accordance with **instructions**
9. remove and dispose of eggs that are unsuitable for incubation, in accordance with **instructions**
10. identify and store selected eggs, in accordance with **instructions**
11. maintain the storage environment in accordance with **instructions**
12. leave the work area and equipment in a condition that is suitable for its subsequent use
13. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in your work
14. maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with **instructions**
15. process waste safely and correctly, in accordance with **instructions**
16. 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
17. complete records as required by the relevant legislation and the business

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## Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. the hazards associated with receiving and selecting eggs for hatching
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 for identifying the source, number and code when receiving eggs
5. the information required on incoming eggs and how this should be recorded
6. the required environmental conditions of the storage environment
7. the ways in which eggs should be handled, trayed and stored
8. how to use chemicals safely, at the correct dilution rates, in accordance with **instructions**
9. the methods of selecting and grading eggs and how to dispose of eggs that are unsuitable
10. the limits of your responsibility in receiving and selecting eggs for hatching
11. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in your work and how this should be done
12. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
13. the importance of meeting relevant food safety and industry quality assurance standards
14. how to process the different types of waste produced by the activity
15. your responsibilities for the welfare of birds under relevant animal health and welfare legislation and codes of practice
16. your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
17. the methods of stock control, record keeping and reporting used by your business

**Glossary**

**Instructions:** verbal or written

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