

## Prepare for the transport of live fish/shellfish

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### Overview

This standard is about preparing for the transport of live fish/shellfish. It can be applied to any situation where fish/shellfish are transported live by methods such as vehicular transport, well-boats and helicopter bins. It requires that work is completed in accordance with site standard operating procedures.

The legislation controlling the application of this standard will vary depending on the location of the fish/shellfish farm within England, Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland.

This standard is for those who prepare live fish/shellfish for transportation.

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### Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. carry out work safely in line with relevant health and safety requirements
2. check that any necessary permits are in place for the transport of live fish
3. obtain transport specification
4. check that fish/shellfish are in a physical condition suitable for transportation and where appropriate have been **conditioned**
5. prepare transport systems to achieve the safe and secure movement of live fish/shellfish
6. prepare the **transport holding unit** so that it is in a condition suitable for receiving live fish/shellfish
7. maintain suitable levels of hygiene and bio-security
8. establish **environmental conditions** within the transport holding unit to maintain fish/shellfish health and welfare during the transportation
9. check that the intended destination is ready and suitable to receive live fish/shellfish
10. provide information to maintain records of transport in accordance with legal and site requirements

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## Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the relevant health and safety requirements associated with the transport of live fish
2. legislation controlling the transport of live fish/shellfish
3. methods used to transport live fish/shellfish
4. why only healthy fish/shellfish should be transported and when they need to be conditioned
5. the behaviour that indicates when fish/shellfish are stressed or have a disorder
6. how to establish the environmental conditions required by fish/shellfish
7. the importance of hygiene and bio-security when transporting live fish/shellfish
8. the precautions that are followed to reduce the danger of transporting non-target species with live fish/shellfish
9. the equipment needed and how to prepare it
10. the importance of minimising the risk of escapes
11. the need to carry out a husbandry risk assessment and how this controls the transport of live fish/shellfish
12. the legal and site requirements for maintaining records of transport

**Glossary**

**conditioned** – the removal of feed

**environmental conditions** – physical conditions, water quality, temperature

**transport holding units** – e.g. bucket, tank, wellboat, helicopter bin, bag/sack, cool box, tray

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