
Overview

This standard covers the preparation of outdoor sites for livestock.

Where the area is grazing land this will involve checking the condition and quantity of the forage. Where livestock require shelter in the outdoors, you will need to check the condition and provision of this. In all production environments you will need to check that the boundaries (e.g. fences, walls, gates, hedges, banks, ditches etc) are intact, and that adequate water is provided.

When working with livestock or machinery you need to be appropriately trained in line with current legislation, and hold a relevant award where appropriate.

You must carry out your work in a way which will consider any impact on the natural environment.

This standard is suitable for those involved in the preparation of outdoor sites for livestock.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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| P1 | assess the risks associated with the outdoor site and the proposed work |
| P2 | evaluate the suitability of the outdoor site based on all the relevant factors |
| P3 | ensure tools, equipment and machinery is fit for use and properly set up prior to undertaking activity |
| P4 | confirm boundaries are safe and secure |
| P5 | prepare suitable shelter, if required, for the livestock requirements |
| P6 | ensure the supply of feed meets the livestock requirements |
| P7 | ensure an adequate supply of clean water is available |
| P8 | maintain suitable levels of hygiene and biosecurity |
| P9 | deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation |
| P10 | carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation and animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies |

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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| K1 | types of tools, equipment and machinery required and how to prepare, maintain and use these safely and effectively |
| K2 | how to assess the suitability of outdoor sites for livestock |
| K3 | the requirements livestock have for feed and water on outdoor sites and the methods for preparing the supply |
| K4 | the types of problems which may occur and how these should be overcome |
| K5 | how to assess the safety and security of boundaries when preparing outdoor sure for particular livestock |
| K6 | the suitability of different boundaries for the livestock |
| K7 | the suitability of shelter if required |
| K8 | causes of water shortages and contamination and actions to be taken |
| K9 | the importance of preventing infections and ways in which infections can be prevented |
| K10 | the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this |
| K11 | how to handle, store, transport and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements |
| K12 | your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies |

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Glossary

Factors: land proximity, condition of animal, weather, environment

Boundaries include: hedges, constructed structures, landforms, temporary fencing

Outdoor areas may be grazing land, or other sites used for outdoor livestock production

Shelter: woodchip corral

Risks: walkers and members of the public

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