

UNFIT LIVESTOCK

Livestock are deemed unfit and unsuitable for sale and onward consignment if;

- They are sick or injured
 - They are showing visible signs of disease, emaciation, exhaustion or injury
 - They are unable to move independently without pain or to walk unassisted
 - They present a severe open wound, or prolapse
- They are unable to bear weight on all four legs
- They are heavily pregnant females (where more than 90% of the gestation period has passed) or females who have given birth in the last 7 days
- They are dairy cows with over stocked udders
- They are newborn animals with unhealed navels
- They are pigs of less than three weeks of age, lambs of less than one week and calves less than 10 days of age. Calves have not been through a market within the last 28 days, if under 12 weeks of age

If an animal arrives unfit or becomes injured/unwell whilst on site, the issue is reported to the AWO and the unfit animal procedures are implemented.

Livestock are only moved if movement (or separation) will cause no additional pain or distress.

If an animal is suffering from a suspected notifiable disease, then the disease contingency plan is implemented.