



Red Tractor Meat & Poultry Processing Scheme Consultation

STANDARDS POPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION

ANIMAL WELFARE MODULE

Standard section	Standard proposal	New (N) or Revised (R)
Animal welfare policy, animal welfare officers and training	Welfare outcome scoring must be undertaken and recorded	N
	(Recommendation) Welfare outcome scoring is undertaken as per the Red Tractor Protocol. <i>It is proposed that we gather views on what a Red Tractor Protocol should include through the consultation process and then the Protocol will be developed at a later stage</i>	N
Facilities construction	AW.b.4 -There must be a sufficient drainage system in the lairage/holding pens to remove liquid debris	R
	AW.b.6 – pig misting systems (or similar) are not used if: - pigs show signs of cold stress (shivering) - the ambient temperature is below 5 degrees C Misting system (or similar) is used to calm pigs if necessary, provided it allows pigs to rest as appropriate	R
	AW.e - A risk assessment has been carried out to identify source of noise, and mitigating actions have been taken.	R



	No presence of sustained animal vocalisation	
Waiting pen & restraining facility construction	AW.g.1 – Where group stunning pens are used, the size of the pen is adjustable	R
Field lairage	AW.h.1 - The cleanliness of the animal does not deteriorate whilst in the field lairage	R
Livestock intake	Existing standard AW.i requires that a risk assessed unloading sequence is decided for animals who are held on vehicles and cannot be unloaded immediately on arrival at the abattoir. Proposal now requires that this risk assessed schedule takes in consideration that longest journeys are unloaded first. Also, where the existing standard states - <i>Where livestock are held on the vehicle, their welfare is regularly monitored</i> – the proposal is now asking that this monitoring is by the AWO and official veterinarian (OV) working together to ensure appropriate action is taken (if required) to safeguard animal welfare – for pigs, welfare checks are undertaken every 30 minutes	R
	AW.j. 2 - Livestock that are lairaged overnight, including weekends. are checked as a minimum every evening and every morning by a suitably trained and competent person	R
Livestock lairage	<p>All pigs are provided with enrichment material whilst being held in lairage pens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrichment material is safe and hygienic (feed may be used as suitable enrichment material for pigs lairaged overnight) • Enrichment is permanently available in lairage pens during the day whilst pigs are present • Enrichment is not hazardous to pigs and root vegetables and other feed materials provided as enrichment are sourced in accordance with scheme feed standards • Mushroom compost, peat and recycled manure solids (“green bedding”) are not permitted • Enrichment is not heavily soiled 	N



Livestock handling	AW.n.2 has been revised to only permit goad use on adult cattle (previously allowed goads to be used on mature pigs when using a V-restrainer stunning system): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric goads are prohibited on all livestock except on adult cattle which refuse to move, but have room ahead of them to do so 	R
Stunning & killing	AW.o.7 – for re-stuns/double stuns, records show the reason for the miss stun and action taken if necessary	R
Welfare incidents	You must contact Red Tractor and your Certification Body immediately if an emergency situation affects or threatens to affect the welfare of a significant number of livestock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An emergency situation includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an incident which may have a reputational impact on Red Tractor through a serious breach of the scheme standards that could/has attracted media interest (e.g. undercover footage) - identification of a break in the Red Tractor Assured chain of custody where animals which are to be/have been slaughtered are destined to be packed with a Red Tractor claim - an event/s which has significantly impacted on the slaughtering efficiency/throughput of the slaughterhouse 	N
	Welfare incidents/poor performance relating to a Red Tractor Assured farm and/or transport member is reported to Red Tractor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor performance includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - poor handling of livestock by a Red Tractor Assured member - livestock received (recurring incident) which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dirty - lame - dead on arrival 	N



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - late stages of pregnancy - emaciated - injured/open wounds (including tail bitten pigs) - unfit/unable to walk/stand • Poor performance includes reporting of FSA Annex 4 reports within 2 working days of the report being issued by the OV • Reporting of poor performance is via the Red Tractor Checkers and Services website at www.checkers.redtractor.org.uk • Further details can be found in the Appendix 	
Vehicle washout facilities	<p>AW.v - Vehicles that unload cattle & sheep and that are cleansed and disinfected on site before they leave are spot checked against a risk assessed schedule to assess cleanliness. A sample of lorries spot checked for visual cleanliness by a person other than the driver, before they leave the site.</p> <p>Records of cleanliness checks kept by the site for a minimum of 12 months</p>	R
	<p>AW.v.o.1 - For vehicles delivering pigs - a sample of lorries are spot checked for visual cleanliness and using a wipe test with paper towelling by a person other than the driver, before they leave the site.</p>	R
	<p>AW.v.4 – equipment at wash facilities must be designed to operate effectively and be capable of effective cleaning and may include tools other than hose pipes</p>	R