Red Tractor Standards Manual February 2025

Beef & Lamb Standards



How to use this booklet

Our standards are organised in sections. All of the words against each standard, including the column 'How you will be assessed', form part of it.

Standard coding begins with a two-letter prefix which identifies the section (e.g. EC for Environmental Protection and Contamination Control). You may notice that the codes are not always consecutive – rest assured that no information is missing from this guide.

Assessors will use this code together with one to identify the enterprise to which it relates (e.g. DR for Dairy) to record any non-conformances on the report at the end of the assessment.

Look out for the **guidance boxes** throughout this guide – these offer useful tips to help you meet the relevant standard.

- **Key** While all standards must be met, particular attention should be paid to these as they can have implications for your certification
- **Not Applicable** N/A Identifies a standard an assessor may deem as not applicable to some memberships. While certain Red Tractor standards apply to all, others are applicable only where a particular practice, process, facility or system is in place
- **Recommendation** This is not a standard and a non-conformance raised will not affect your certification. However, these are recommended actions to undertake to help demonstrate working to Red Tractor and industry core principles
- New A completely new standard which the member must now adhere to, or a new recommendation
- **Revised** A standard that has changed and requires the member to take some different or additional action to before
- **Upgraded** The standard has been upgraded to a Key standard or from a Recommendation to a full standard
- **Appendix** Indicates that additional information is provided. Appendices can be found by visiting: redtractorassurance.org.uk
- Indicates that a record is required and suggests potential documentary evidence which could be used to show compliance
 - Visit our website: redtractorassurance.org.uk for additional help and templates.
 - Read the Red Tractor Membership Rules on the Red Tractor Assurance website: redtractorassurance.org.uk/member-rules/

Contents

Documents and Procedures	3
Personnel	5
Traceability and Assurance	7
Vermin Control	10
Housing, Shelter, and Handling Facilities	12
Feed and Water	15
Animal Health and Welfare	21
Husbandry Procedures	25
Youngstock (Calves and Lambs)	26
Biosecurity and Disease Control	27
Animal Medicines	28
Fallen Stock	34
Livestock Transport	35
Environment	38
Urea	45

Documents and Procedures

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
DP.1 (KEY) The farm, as a whole, must present an acceptable and tidy appearance to the general public. The site management must not present a food safety, animal welfare or environmental risk	DP.1.a The external areas around building of rubbish, non-essential equipmed DP.1.b Loose wire, net and silage wrap, so disused tyres are managed	

GUIDANCE: Any waste awaiting collection or disposal is stored appropriately, i.e. in a dedicated area away from livestock. Old machinery, tyres, wire and silage wrap are stored neatly. External areas around buildings should be kept clear to discourage vermin.

DP.1.1 A farm map must be present and areas of specific risk are identified

DP.1.1.a

Farm map shows where applicable:

- all buildings
- all fields, including area (hectares/acres)
- watercourses including ditches and ponds
- boreholes, springs and wells, including any on neighbouring land, within 50m of the boundary
- any areas of high pollution risk



• Farm map

GUIDANCE: One or more maps may be used and this may be held as a hard copy or as an electronic document

A documented plan for the effective management of serious incidents and potential emergency

situations that

DP.2

DP.2.a

You have considered the risks to your farm and documented the actions to be taken in the event of (where appropriate):



 Contingency/emergency plan threaten the welfare of livestock, food safety or the environment must be in place.

- feed and/or water equipment failing
- fire
- power cuts
- extreme weather (drought, flooding, snow)
- disease outbreaks which have the potential to affect other farms/the general public
- activist activity
- pollution incident e.g. slurry spillages or leaks
- other site-specific risks

DP.2.b

Up-to-date relevant contact details are displayed (including out of hours phone numbers) e.g. vet, electricity supplier, Environment Agency (or equivalent), feed and water supplier.

DP.2.c

Details must be noted on how situations would be dealt with if the person with primary responsibility for stock is unavailable for any period

DP.2.d

Plan is accessible and known to those involved with tasks on the farm

DP.3

Systems must be in place for recording, investigating and resolution of any complaints and/or sampling results that are relevant to the requirements of the Red Tractor Standards (REVISED)

DP.3.a

System includes recording the:

- complaint
- investigation result
- action taken to prevent/stop the issue happening again



Complaint/Sample records

GUIDANCE: · Includes complaints made by local authority, general public, customers or other, including but not limited to those related to food safety and environmental protection· Includes results of any relevant analyses carried out on any samples that have importance to human health, e.g. microbiological testing, residues, environmental sampling

Personnel

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
PL.1 (KEY) Systems must be in place to ensure all personnel are effectively trained and deemed competent to carry out the activities they are required to do	 PL.1.a From November 2021, all new starters have a documented induction covering at least the following: an explanation of the tasks they will undertake Health and Safety information reporting lines 	Induction record

GUIDANCE: Records of induction and training may be recorded on either separate or consolidated records, provided that compliance with all relevant requirements can be demonstrated.

PL.2	PL.2.a	R
Records of training must be kept	 A training record is available for all, including: name start date (where applicable) induction date (where applicable) details of training/events attended date of training who provided the training (in-house 	Training Record
	or external provider) PL.2.b Where workers are trained to undertake specific tasks, these are listed in their record	
	PL.2.c Records kept for 2 years after person has left the business	

PL.2.d

Those using sheep dip hold an NPTC Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Sheep Dips or are working under the supervision and in the presence of a person who holds the certificate

PL.4

Where labour providers are used, they are licensed and a documented agreement is in place



PL.4.a

All labour providers used hold a valid Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) licence

PL.4.b

A Service Level Agreement is in place between the business and the labour provider

PL.4.c

The agreement confirms that any workers provided are suitably competent

PL.4.d

The agreement confirms any training completed by the labour provider as an alternative to the business's own training systems

PL.4.e

The agreement confirms that all workers are legally permitted to work within the UK

PL.4.f

The agreement defines allocation of Health & Safety responsibilities between labour provider and labour user



- Evidence of GLAA licence
- Service Level Agreement

GUIDANCE: The GLAA defines specific circumstances which are excluded from the licensing requirements – refer to GLAA website for further information. This standard does not apply where workers are supplied outside of the scope of licensing requirements.

PL.5 Written Health and Safety Policy in place

PL.5.b

Policy is effectively communicated to all relevant workers



PL.5.c
Language and learning style is given
due consideration to ensure all
workers understand information

 Health & Safety Policy

GUIDANCE: Definition of worker (taken from https://www.gov.uk/employment-status/worker):A person is generally classed as a 'worker' if:

- they have a contract or other arrangement to do work or services personally for a reward (your contract doesn't have to be written)
- their reward is for money or a benefit in kind, for example the promise of a contract or future work
- they only have a limited right to send someone else to do the work (subcontract)
- they have to turn up for work even if they don't want to
- their employer has to have work for them to do as long as the contract or arrangement lasts
- they aren't doing the work as part of their own limited company in an arrangement where the 'employer' is actually a customer or client HSE

How to write your Health and Safety Policy (including link to example template): https://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/policy/how-to-write-your-policy.htm

Traceability and Assurance

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
TI.1 (KEY) Cattle must be identified in accordance with legislation. N/A	TI.1.a Calves are double tagged within 2 of a dairy herd the first tag within 3 TI.1.b Imported livestock are tagged and with legislation.	36 hours of birth)
TI.1.1 (KEY) Sheep must be identified in accordance with legislation. N/A		
TI.2 (KEY) Records of cattle movements must be accurately kept to maintain traceability N/A	TI.2.a A holding register is kept for the cattle, which can be paper/computer based or a combination of both detailing births, deaths and movements.	Herd RecordsMovement Records

TI.2.b

The national database is notified within the required timeframe:

- · within 27 days of birth
- 7 days of death
- 3 days of movement

TI.2.c

Passports or proof of application are available for all cattle on site.

GUIDANCE: This register should be farm specific and cannot only be held in the national database.

TI.2.1 (KEY)

Records of sheep movements must be accurately kept to maintain traceability



TI.2.1.a

A holding register which can be paper or computer based or a combination of both is kept up to date and covers:

- · holding details
- · tag replacements
- movements
- deaths
- annual inventory (on holding as at 1st December each year)
- individual records of sheep born or identified as required by legislation.

TI.2.1.b

Sheep movements are reported within the required timeframe.

TI.2.1.c

Received paper movement documentation is kept for 3 years.



- Holding register
- Movement records

TI.3 (KEY)

Cattle are accompanied by their passports and sheep by

TI.3.b

Food Chain information (FCI) accompanies each consignment of livestock sent to slaughter (including those going via a livestock market).

animal movement documentation.

TI.4 (KEY)

Controls must be in place to ensure assurance status of livestock being sold as assured



TI.4.a

Only livestock that meet the following criteria are sold as farm assured:

- Livestock sent to slaughter meet the minimum required residency period (i.e. 90 days for cattle, 60 days for sheep)
- Livestock stay on the farm for the whole time period or checks are made that the previous owner was farm assured
- If livestock are purchased from a market, the market is assured
- If livestock passes through a collection centre, the collection centre is assured

TI.4.b

Vehicles used to transport livestock are assured:

- assessed under the farm scheme if transporting the farms own livestock
- Transport of other members stock is permitted when all parties are farm assured not for hire and reward and with a completed declaration
- Red Tractor Livestock
 Transport scheme (or equivalent) and hauliers membership numbers are known



 Transport Declaration

TI.4.1(Recommendation) It is recommended that boughtin livestock are bought from a farm assured farm

TI.4.1.a

Checks are made to verify the holdings of origin are assured to the RTA Beef & Lamb scheme, Farm Assured Welsh Livestock Scheme, QMS Cattle and Sheep scheme or the

Red Tractor Beet & Lamb Standards Vers	ion 5 Modified	February 2025
	Northern Ireland Beef and Lamb Scheme	Farm Quality Assurance
TI.5 (KEY) If livestock from multiple holdings are collected onsite the site must hold an Animal Gatherings Order	TI.5.a The conditions of the AGO are being met	Animal Gatherings order

Vermin Control

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
VC.1 (KEY) There must be effective control of vermin	VC.1.a No build-up of vegetation close to farm structures that could harbour vermin	• Site surveys
	VC.1.b A site survey is completed at least annually while stock are housed and/or the feed storage areas are in use, detailing:	
	 date of inspection locations inspected findings action required date actions completed 	
	VC.1.c Dead/trapped vermin are searched for and disposed of when bait points are checked	

GUIDANCE: A site survey is a record of every inspection and/or survey undertaken to look for signs of rodent activity and/or environmental management requirements.

VC.2 Toxic bait must be used responsibly N/A Prior to treatment with baits the use of non-chemical control methods is considered first followed by the least toxic alternatives (see • Environmental Risk Assessment • Bait Plan

Appendix – risk hierarchy)

VC.2.b

An Environmental Risk Assessment is undertaken in accordance with the Appendix before bait is laid

VC.2.c

Where baits are used a Bait Plan identifies:

- location of bait points
- bait used
- bait point inspection
- replenishment dates

VC.2.d

Non-target animals do not have access to baits

VC.2.e

Bait is prevented from contaminating animal feed

VC.2.f

Permanent baiting is not routinely undertaken and toxic bait is removed when treatment is finished

VC.2.g

Product label directions are followed

VC.2.h

professional users and only with products authorised for this use.

A documented COSHH assessment is carried out where there are 5 or more employees

GUIDANCE: Permanent baiting is the application of a rodenticide product when no active infestation is present. Permanent baiting is strictly limited to sites with a high potential for

reinvasion when other methods of control have proven insufficient and can only be carried out by

 COSHH assessment (where applicable)

Housing, Shelter, and Handling Facilities

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
HF.1 (KEY) Housing must be constructed and maintained to provide a safe and secure environment for livestock N/A	HF.1.a Housing secure to prevent straying/escaping HF.1.b There are no sharp edges, projections or other features presenting a hazard to livestock HF.1.c Electrical installations are inaccessible to livestock HF.1.d Lights over feed troughs are shatterproof/protected	
HF.2 Effective ventilation of housing to minimise high humidity, build-up of odours and maintains a comfortable temperature must be provided N/A		
HF.3 Floor surfaces are sound, well-constructed and maintained and livestock can walk at ease without slipping or risk of injury	HF.3.b Design of any slats are suitable for the spelivestock to slip or cause foot injuries. No provided to breeding cows, in-calf heifers	n slatted lying areas
HF.4 (KEY) Conditions in housing must be maintained in a manner that ensures livestock are able to keep clean	HF.4.a Lying areas are well-drained and regularly build-up of dirty bedding HF.4.b All livestock sent to slaughter meet abatto specifications	



HF.4.1 Safe, suitable, and legal bedding is provided in lying areas



HF.4.1.a

Bedding (used in lying areas including cubicles, loose housing, non-slatted lying areas, and corrals) is non-injurious, non-toxic and is absorptive

HF.4.1.b

Where slatted flooring is used for newborn and young lambs, bedding is provided

HF.4.1.c

Delivery records of waste materials used for bedding are kept e.g. recycled woodchip, paper

HF.4.1.d

Waste exemptions to use such materials are registered with the Environment Agency and kept.



- Delivery Records
- Waste transfer notes
- Waste exemption records

HF.5

Housing must be lit during normal daylight hours (natural or artificial) to allow normal behaviours, rest and effective inspection of livestock



HF.5.a

Adequate lighting (whether fixed or portable) is available to enable inspection of stock at any time

HF.5.c

A period of rest from artificial lighting is provided daily





HF.6.a

Cubicle housing systems allow at least one cubicle per animal

HF.6.b

Cubicle design and size is suitable for the animal breed and size.

HF.6.c

Group yards and loose housing systems allow space for them all to lie down simultaneously, rise without difficulty, turn around and stretch

GUIDANCE:

See <u>Appendix</u> for recommended space allowances.

HF.6.1 (KEY) Tethered housing systems are not permitted.



GUIDANCE: Definition of tethered housing: a housing practice used throughout the housed period whereby the stock is fed, watered and sleeps within the area defined by the reach of its restraining method.

HF.7

Livestock grouped according to age, size and production status (exception cow/calf, ewe/lamb, and goat/kid)

HF.7.b

Livestock (including stock bulls/bucks) allowed the sound and view of other livestock (except where segregated/isolated)

HF.7.c

Fractious or fully horned cattle/goats are not mixed with unfamiliar groups or are removed from the group if there is evidence of injury or bullying

HF.7.d

Sexually mature male and female livestock kept apart (unless breeding is planned)

HF.8

Handling facilities (fixed or portable systems) must be in place or easily accessible

HF.8.a

There are no sharp edges, projections or other features presenting a hazard to livestock or handlers

HF.8.b

Sheep dip is covered when not in use.

HF.8.c

A crush or restraining gates, if applicable, is structurally sound and stable

HF.9

There must be appropriate facilities for livestock to give birth which are maintained in accordance with scheme standards

HF.9.d

Restraining facility (e.g. crush/restraining gates) available for use when livestock give birth

HF.10

Facilities must be available on-farm that

HF.10.a

Adequate lighting to inspect stock at point of loading

enable the loading and
unloading of livestock
with minimal stress

HF.10.b

Structurally sound and stable gates/barriers to prevent livestock escaping

HF.10.c

Facilities are free from sharp edges or other projections which may cause injury to livestock and handlers

HF.10.d

If loading ramps are used, they are designed to minimise risk of slipping and have secure side guards

ramp angles do not exceed 26.6° for adult cattle and sheep, 20° for calves.

HF.10.e

The use of tailgating to overcome site access issues and minimise journey lengths is only permitted if it occurs within the loading site boundary, with suitable facilities (as defined in legislation)

HF.11 Livestock kept outdoors must have access to shelter (natural or man-made; hedges, trees, walls) and well-drained lying

and well-drain

HF.12

There must be controls in place to minimise overgrazing and poaching

HF.12.a

Outdoor feeding areas are situated so that they do not become excessively poached or allow a large build-up of dung

Feed and Water

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
FW.1 (KEY) Livestock must be provided with sufficient feed to maintain rumen function and suitable to the production status and		

Version 5 Modified February 2025
FW.1.1.b Alternative sources of colostrum (fresh/frozen/artificial) are available in the event of the dam not being able to produce
FW.2.a There is enough feeding space per animal - dependent on the system of feeding See <u>Appendix</u> for recommended space allowances.
FW.3.a The water supply is sufficient to cover times of peak demand e.g. during hot weather/lactation, and there is sufficient trough space/drinkers for the number of livestock FW.3.b Water is easily accessible to livestock and troughs do not obstruct walkways and feeding areas and do not have the potential to cause injury to livestock
FW.3.c Water troughs are kept clean

FW.3.d

Provision is made to ensure an emergency supply of suitable drinking water can be supplied if normal supplies were to fail

GUIDANCE: Emergency water supply is an alternative source of water i.e. tankers, fire service, natural etc.

FW.4 (KEY) Feed must be suitable

FW.4.a

Feed is not stale or contaminated

FW.4.b

Only feed materials and additives permitted by the Scheme and UK law are used

FW.4.c

The composition of all purchased and home mixed feed is known

FW.4.d

Materials produced by Anaerobic Digesters are prohibited for animal feed

FW.4.e

Injurious weeds (e.g. ragwort) that livestock have access to are controlled

FW.4.f

No non-permitted materials are used specifically:

- no antibiotic or hormonal growth promoters
- no animal products or by-products (mammalian, avian or fish)
 with the exception of fish oils and milk products
- no rejected food that contain meats or have been in contact with meat (including bakery)
- no catering waste, including used cooking oils

FW.5

Bought-in feed must be from an assured source or in specific circumstances with a warranty declaration



FW.5.a

Compounds and blended feed are UFAS assured, or equivalent

FW.5.b

Bagged or sealed compounded or blended feed, minerals, mineral blocks/licks (except for rock salt), supplements and milk replacers are sourced from a UFAS merchant or from a non-UFAS merchant by a UFAS, or equivalent, compounder

FW.5.c

Straights from a merchant,



Warranty declaration

processed food by-products and co-products from the biofuels industry are UFAS, FEMAS, or equivalent.

FW.5.d

The following materials are sourced with a completed warranty declaration:

- farm-to-farm supplies of any feeds unexpectedly in surplus
- hay and/or silage supplied via forage merchants
- roots and vegetable/fruit which have not been processed beyond basic grading and washing

GUIDANCE: See <u>Appendix</u> for equivalent schemes. Red Tractor warranty declaration template provides details of what information should be included.

FW.5.1 (Recommendation)
When sourcing cereals,
fruit or vegetables from
another farm it is
recommended that the
supplying farm is a
member of a farm
assurance scheme

FW.5.1.a

Cereals from an assured combinable crops farm accompanied by a grain passport

FW.5.1.b

Fruit and vegetables from an assured fresh produce farm accompanied by a warranty declaration



FW.6 Records of all feedstuffs

purchased must be kept



FW.6.a

Feed records detail:

- supplier name
- feed type including ingredient composition
- date of delivery
- quantity
- load or batch number

FW.6.b

Records are kept for 2 years



- Feed delivery documents
- Invoices
- warranty declarations
- grain passports
- own records

FW.7

When mixing two or more feed materials together records must be kept



FW.7.a

For total mixed rations (TMR) that incorporate forages or moist feeds produced on a daily basis, produce a record of the ingredients and quantities and update it when the mix changes

FW.7.b

For home mixed compounds, meals or blends based on dry feed ingredients records of every batch mixed are kept detailing ingredients, quantities, mixing dates



 Home-mixing records

GUIDANCE: Forage only, (forage top-dressed with concentrates) or single feeds mixed with water do not require records

FW.8

When the mix formulation changes samples must be kept



FW.8.a

Samples of dry feed ingredients (over 3% inclusion) are kept

FW.8.b

For dry mixes, samples of finished feed mix are kept

FW.8.c

Samples are kept for a minimum of four weeks after last use

FW.8.d

Samples are:

- representative (small samples from several different points)
- of adequate quantity (approx. 0.5 kg)
- free from contamination
- identifiable (labelled with feed details and date)
- stored in a cool, dry area

FW.9

N/A

If mixing using 'premixtures', 'additives' or medicated feeds you must have Local Authority approval and meet any associated obligations

FW.9.a

The site has Local Authority Approval

FW.9.b

There is a HACCP system in place

FW.9.c

There is a Quality Control Plan in



- Local authority approval
- HACCP
- Quality Control Plan



place

FW.9.d

Additional approval from the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) is in place if medicated feeds are being incorporated VMD approval

GUIDANCE: Not applicable to the inclusion of bought-in mineral feeding stuffs (labelled as such) used in TMRs. Feed additives are substances such as vitamins, trace elements (e.g. copper and zinc) and preservatives. Pre-mixtures are mixtures of additives at high concentrations.

FW.10 Mobile feed mixing contractors must be suitably certified



FW.10.a

Contractors certified to the NAAC Assured Land-Based Contractor Mobile Feed Mixing and Processing scheme, or scheme deemed equivalent by Red Tractor



 Contractor's NAAC registration number

FW.11

All feeding and mixing equipment and lorries/trailers/feed boxes/buckets used for transporting feed are maintained in a clean condition and are suitable for purpose



FW.12 (KEY)

Feed must be stored in a manner which minimises the risk of contamination N/A

FW.12.a

Storage facilities protect against feed contamination by domestic animals, wildlife and vermin

FW.12.b

Storage facilities for dry feed are weatherproof

FW.12.c

In loose feed storage areas lighting is covered unless shatterproof bulbs are used

FW.12.d

Risk of cross-contamination is minimised by ensuring feed is readily identifiable and keeping different feeds separate

Animal Health and Welfare

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
AH.1 (KEY) A written Health Plan must be established and implemented (REVISED)	AH.1.a The plan is signed, dated and reviewed annually by the vet AH.1.b The plan is farm specific and updated as and when changes occur AH.1.c The plan makes reference to those responsible for livestock and other relevant persons e.g. nutritionist, foot trimmer, shearer, nominated vet or nominated vet practice AH.1.d The plan includes as a minimum: biosecurity policy specific disease programmes such as Johnes, BVD and TB vaccination parasite control foot care and lameness management mastitis husbandry procedures identifying treated animals pain relief procedures euthanasia AH.1.e Plan is easily accessible to all persons involved in the care and management of the stock	• Health Plan

GUIDANCE: The Health Plan can be compiled by the farmer and/or by a number of animal health professionals. Any professionals carrying out any advising/prescribing under this plan are legally responsible for their work or for the prescribing of any VPS medicines by them. Prescribing may not be the direct responsibility of the vet signing off the plan, the vet is confirming that the appropriate content for the plan has been completed.

Health and

review

performance

AH.1.1

A written annual livestock health and performance review must be undertaken by the nominated vet or a vet from the nominated vet practice OR evidence of a DEFRA Health and Welfare annual review visit (Pathway) within the last 12 months (REVISED)

AH.1.1.a

Review of records/data taking into account those records maintained throughout the year:

Health and Performance Data

- Lameness
- Mortality Records
- Culling rate (and reasons)
- Any other disease or issue noted at the farm throughout the year

Medicine usage data

- Medicine administration records
- Medicine collation
- Antibiotic collation
- Review HP-CIA use
- Prophylactic treatments
- Review cascade use

AH.1.1.b

The review is signed and dated by the nominated vet or vet from the nominated vet practice

AH.1.1.c

Provide recommendations for any updates to the Health Plan if required

AH.1.2

BVD eradication must be managed as detailed in the herd health plan OR evidence of a DEFRA Health and Welfare annual review visit (Pathway) within the last 12 months (REVISED)



AH.1.2.a

Plan is being implemented



- Health Plan
- Test results

GUIDANCE: For finishing only herds this detail could be included in the sourcing policy/biosecurity policy e.g. where possible the BVD status is known or requested. Management of the breeding herd may include:- Vaccination- Tag and test all calves- Blood sampling to determine status of herd- Milk sampling to determine presence of disease- Removal of PI animals from the herd

AH.2

Records of the health and performance of livestock must be maintained OR evidence of a DEFRA Health and Welfare annual review visit (Pathway) within the last 12 months (REVISED)

AH.2.a

Records include an annual collation of:

- lameness
- mortality records inc. cause of deaths if known
- culling records and reasons for culling
- abattoir feedback (where provided and applicable)



- Farm records
- Recording tools
- Mortality Records

AH.3

The nominated vet/vet practice must visit the farm at least annually and see the livestock to check for signs of disease OR evidence of a DEFRA Health and Welfare annual review visit (Pathway) within the last 12 months (REVISED)

AH.5

The health and welfare of livestock must be checked regularly for signs of illness, injury and stress

AH.5.a

Livestock checks as follows:

- at least minimum daily checks for livestock outside, twice daily inside
- increased checks for newborns and those about to give birth
- flock inspection frequency in extensive, upland areas appropriate to need

AH.6 (KEY)

Livestock are handled in a manner without frightening and excessive force and not in a way to cause pain and suffering

Refer to Red Tractor <u>Appendix</u> for definition of unacceptable behaviour with regards to livestock handling.

AH.6.b

Electric goads are not permitted

AH.6.c

Dogs kept under control

AH.7 (KEY)

All persons looking after the health and welfare of livestock must be demonstrably competent

AH.7.a

All personnel have skills and knowledge in animal husbandry and are aware of unacceptable behaviours

AH.7.b

The member can demonstrate they are confident that any contractors used e.g. foot trimmers, shearers, Al technicians are competent

AH.8 (KEY)

Sick or injured livestock must receive prompt attention in order that suffering is not prolonged

AH.8.a

There is evidence of systems in place to ensure sick and injured livestock are identified and managed appropriately. Where required they are promptly treated and/or moved to segregation facilities or humanely euthanased

AH.8.c

If appropriate the vet has been involved

AH.8.d

Evidence in health plan that euthanasia is carried out by a competent person using acceptable methods

AH.8.e

The competent person is available to production sites as soon as possible (normally within 60-minute drive) in order to deal with emergency cases promptly and prevent unnecessary suffering

R

Euthanasia policy

AH.8.1

Appropriate facilities must be provided for the segregation of sick and injured livestock, that are managed and maintained in accordance with scheme standards for housing and facilities, feed and water

GUIDANCE: Rules related to notifiable diseases including TB may go above scheme requirements.

Husbandry Procedures

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
HP.1 (KEY) Husbandry procedures must be carried out appropriately N/A	HP.1.a Routine husbandry procedures are detailed in the health plan HP.1.b Carried out in accordance with timescales outlined in the Appendix HP.1.c Anaesthetic and analgesics are used in accordance with the Appendix HP.1.d Carried out by appropriately trained and competent persons in accordance with the Appendix HP.1.e Dewlap tags are not permitted	 Medicine records for pain relief Training Records Health Plan

GUIDANCE:

A person is considered "competent" when they can demonstrate they understand the tasks they are required to do and how to undertake them correctly, e.g. how to use equipment.

HP.1.1(Recommendation)
Cauterising paste is only used on animals less than 1 week of age and it is recommended the calf receives analgesia



Youngstock (Calves and Lambs)

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
CR.1 Housing areas must provide for the specific needs of artificially reared youngstock	CR.1.a The housing area and pens are constructed and maintained to provide a safe, comfortable and hygienic environment CR.1.b Effectively ventilated and housing lit during normal day light hour normally 09:00-17:00.	
	CR.1.c Clean, dry, bedded and have a non-slatted	I lying area.
	CR.1.d Of sufficient size to allow calves to lie dow without difficulty, stretch and move freely	
	CR.1.e Visual and tactile contact with other calves two or more).	s/lamb (where there are
	CR.1.g Flooring is non-slip and maintained.	
	CR.1.h Calves are not housed in individual hutche weeks of age but in groups of two or more advice.	
	CR.1.i Calves are not tethered except for group he only for a maximum of 1 hour. Tethers do nallow calves to lie down, rise without diffic position and groom without hindrance. CR.1.j	not cause pain and
	Calves are not muzzled	
CR.2 (KEY) Artificially reared youngstock must receive a	CR.2.a Calves provided with at least two milk feed and not weaned before 5 weeks of age.	ds a day until 28 days
daily diet to maintain their health and welfare	CR.2.b Lambs weaned in accordance with milk reguidelines.	placer manufacturers'
	CR.2.c Manufacturers' instructions followed for a where used.	rtificial milk replacers

CR.2.d

Youngstock not weaned until sufficient hard feed is eaten.

CR.2.6

At the latest youngstock are given dry, fresh, clean feed including forage from 14 days of age (calves)/eight days (lambs).

CR.2.f

Individual buckets provided where bucket fed

CR.2.g

Feeding equipment teats positioned for easy reach.

CR.2.h

Feeding equipment kept in a clean condition.

CR.3 (KEY)
Artificially reared
youngstock must be
provided with unrestricted
access to clean fresh
drinking water at all times
from birth



Biosecurity and Disease Control

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
BI.1 (KEY) A documented Biosecurity Policy must be in place OR evidence of a DEFRA Health and Welfare annual review visit (Pathway) within the last 12 months (REVISED)	BI.1.a The policy is specific to the farm and updated to reflect any changes in practice in relation to the farm health and performance reviews BI.1.b The policy details controls on-farm to manage biosecurity risks to the farm including risks from: • incoming stock (bought-in and returning livestock) • equipment inc. husbandry contractors' equipment and clothing • vehicles	• Farm Biosecurity Policy (can form part of the health plan)

Deal Townson	D f 0 I		- \ / :	N.A 11:61 1
Red Tractor	Beet & L	.amb Standard:	s version 5	Modified

February 2025

•	farm visitors that have access to
	livestock

- working dogs and domestic pets on the farm have a worming routine
- storage of muck/soil improvement products on grazing land
- grazing intervals when manure/slurry/soil improvement products are spread on grazing land

BI.1.c

The policy is being implemented

BI.2 Cleaning and disinfecting facilities must be available for use on the farm

BI.2.a

DEFRA approved disinfectants and cleaning equipment available for use on boots, clothing, vehicles and facilities

Animal Medicines

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
AM.1 (KEY) Only authorised veterinary medicines are used (REVISED)	 the diagnosed disease to be name, active substance and and inclusion rates (medicin 	ed by a vet, pharmacist or /Registered Animal Medicines d detail all legally required umber of animals and their ID
AM.2 (KEY) Veterinary medicines must be used appropriately	AM.2.a Prescription-only medicines are used in accordance with the prescription	

AM.2.b

General Sales Medicines (AVM-GSL) (non-prescription) are used in accordance with manufacturers or veterinary instructions

AM.2.c

Expired medicines and open medicines not used within specified timescale (in-use shelf-life) are not used

GUIDANCE:A Veterinary Medicinal Product is legally defined as- any substance or combination of substances presented as having properties for treating or preventing disease in animals- any substance or combination of substances that may be used in, or administered to, animals with a view either to restoring, correcting or modifying physiological functions by exerting a pharmacological, immunological or metabolic action, or to making a medical diagnosis.

Veterinary medicinal products used to treat and prevent disease in farm animals include, but are not limited to, vaccines, ecto- and endoparasiticides, antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and anesthetics.

POM-V stands for 'Prescription Only Medicine – Veterinarian' and these veterinary products may only be supplied upon prescription by a veterinary surgeon for animals under their care. All antibiotics for food-producing animals are classified as POM-V.

POM-VPS stands for 'Prescription-Only Medicine - Veterinarian, Pharmacist, Suitably Qualified Person (SQP, also known as RAMA – Registered Animal Medicines Advisor)' and these products may be prescribed by these registered qualified persons.

The use of antibiotics as growth promoters is illegal.

'Medicines' includes medicinal premix (a veterinary medicinal product authorised for incorporation into feedingstuffs) and medicated feed. Subject to their professional obligations to ensure the health and welfare of animals under their care, vets are not permitted to prescribe antibiotics for routine use, or to compensate for poor hygiene, inadequate animal husbandry or poor farm management practices.

AM.2.2 Prophylactic administration of antibiotics is only permitted in exceptional circumstances (NEW)

AM.2.2.a

The rationale for prescribing a product for prophylaxis is clearly recorded by the vet

AM.2.2.b

When an antibiotic is prescribed for administration to a group of animals for prophylaxis a management review is carried out by the vet to identify factors and implement measures for the purpose of eliminating the need for any future such administration



- Rationale for prophylaxis (per prescription)
- Management review (group prophylaxis)

GUIDANCE: Prophylactic administration or prophylaxis means the administration of a veterinary medicinal product to an animal or group of animals before clinical signs of disease in order to prevent the occurrence of disease or infection. Clinical signs of disease include visible outward signs of disease as well as sub-clinical disease detected through laboratory testing.

Exceptional circumstances include where the risk of an infection or of an infectious disease is very high and where the consequences of not prescribing the product are likely to be severe.

Group prophylaxis is when antibiotics are administered prophylactically via a group administration route such as in-feed, in-water, in milk/milk replacer or in liquid feed, to more than one animal at the same time.

AM.3

Veterinary medicines must only be administered by demonstrably competent persons

AM.3.a

Person undertaking task has relevant experience or training



 Named in HHP or training records

AM.3.1

At least one person, who is responsible for administering medicines has undertaken training and holds a certificate of competence/attendance from training undertaken since October 2016

AM.3.1.a

Training courses cover at least:



- medicine handling
- administration
- medicine storage
- recording requirements
- avoiding residues



- Certificate of competence/attendance
- Training records

GUIDANCE: Courses include, but are not limited to, City & Guilds, NOAH/Lantra Antimicrobial Best Practice and veterinary led training courses, as approved by Red Tractor. A list of approved courses can be found on the Red Tractor Assurance website.

AM.4

Veterinary medicines must be stored appropriately

AM.4.a

Kept in a locked storage facility/room

AM.4.b

Stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

AM.4.c

Medicated feed is kept in separate clearly labelled bulk storage or bags

AM.4.d

Medicines that require refrigeration and are stored in a domestic fridge are stored in a container

AM.5

Purchase records for all veterinary medicines must be kept

AM.5.a

Records detail:

- identity of medicine
- quantity
- date of purchase
- supplier name and address
- expiry date(s)
- batch number(s)

AM.5.b

Medicine purchase records are kept for 5 years

AM.5.c

Medicated Feeding Stuff Prescriptions (MFSPs) are kept for 5 years



- Medicine purchase records
- MFSPs (may be held centrally by parent company)

AM.6 (KEY)

Records must be kept of all administered veterinary medicines (paper and/or electronic)

AM.6.a

Records detail:

- identity of medicine
- date of administration
- quantity administered
- length of withdrawal period for meat
- identification of the animal or group of animals administered
- batch number
- number of animals treated
- date treatment finished
- date animal becomes fit for human consumption
- name of person administering medicine
- reason for treatment

AM.6.b

Medicine administration records are kept for 5 years



Medicine administration records

GUIDANCE: The required information does not need to be in a single location (e.g. a medicine book); it can be stored in a combination of documents. However, a farm must be able to demonstrate how the information can be collated to correlate administration of particular

medicines to specific groups of livestock so as to ensure the food chain is protected and any use of medicines is traceable. For example, medicines administered routinely to groups of animals, such as vaccines, need not be individually entered in the medicine book – a list in the VHP covering the necessary information will suffice as long as it can be correlated against other farm records and associated medicine purchase records.

AM.7

Veterinary medicines, their containers and administration equipment must be disposed of responsibly

AM.7.a

Expired and unusable medicines awaiting disposal are stored separately to inuse medicines

AM.7.b

Used needles and blades are stored in a dedicated sharps container pending disposal

AM.7.c

Records of medicine disposal are kept, detailing:

- · identity of medicine
- batch number
- quantity
- date of disposal
- route of disposal

AM.7.d

Medicines, their containers and administration equipment are disposed of through the supplier, a registered waste disposal contractor or local authority, referring to the product literature for further guidance

R

- Medicine disposal records
- Waste transfer note/receipt

AM.8.1(Recommendation)
It is recommended total
annual antibiotics used
should be collated and
uploaded onto AHDB
medicine hub or Welsh
Lamb and Beef Producers
AMU Calculator or
equivalent

GUIDANCE: <u>Medicine Hub</u> is an online tool developed and managed by AHDB on behalf of industry to collate antibiotic usage data for dairy, beef and sheep enterprises in the UK.

The threat of antimicrobial resistance is real, with potentially serious consequences for human health. Livestock farming must play its part to ensure responsible antibiotic use, while continuing to protect animal health.

Equivalent systems could include Welsh Beef and Lamb producers AMU calculator or existing First Purchaser systems. Evidence of antibiotic purchase/usage submission is required to demonstrate compliance regardless of the route of submission.

AM.9 (KEY)

Use of HP-CIA antibiotics (i.e. those belonging to Category B "Restrict", as defined by the European Medicines Agency), must only be as a last resort, under veterinary direction

AM.9.a

Use is supported by a veterinary statement outlining the justification for use, including sensitivity testing and/or diagnostics (this can occur parallel with treatment)



Vet statement



Prescribed withdrawal periods must be correct and complied with

AM.10.a

Treated livestock are identifiable for the entire withdrawal period



AM.10.b

For farm-to-farm sales, animals under statutory withdrawal periods are accompanied by a withdrawal period declaration Withdrawal period declaration

GUIDANCE: Ensuring treated livestock are "identifiable" may be achieved in different ways. It is not a specific requirement that treated animals are physically marked, although this is one way of ensuring animals are identifiable. The key is that it is possible, through systems employed on the farm, to identify treated animals to protect the food supply chain.

AM.11

Procedures must be in place to deal appropriately with needles or part needles remaining in livestock

AM.11.a

Broken needle policy detailing:

- how the animal should be identified
- procedures around informing the abattoir if sent for slaughter



Broken needle policy

February 2025

• records to be kept

AM.11.b

Broken needle policy is followed

AM.11.c

Livestock containing broken needles may only be sold for slaughter if the animal is identifiable up to the time of slaughter

Fallen Stock

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
FS.1 Fallen stock must be removed from housing/pens/fields.	FS.1.a Evidence that checks for fallen stocand any found are promptly removed	-
FS.2 (KEY) Carcasses of fallen and euthanased stock must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination and protects them from vermin and other animals.	FS.2.a Carcasses awaiting collection are so not threaten the biosecurity of the fain containers or covered. FS.2.b If any containers are used for storag (including birds).	arm, out of public view, and
FS.3 Carcasses must be disposed of correctly, either by a licensed collector or by approved on-farm incineration	FS.3.a Carcasses disposed of before they present an infestation/health risk. FS.3.b Carcasses collected by or taken to a licensed fallen stock collector. FS.3.c No evidence of carcasses being disposed of by burning or burying (other than by incineration).	 NFSCo contract Competent authority Incinerator Approval Collection records

FS.3.d

On-farm incinerators are covered by species approval document issued by the relevant competent authority.

FS.3.e

Records are kept for 2 years.

Livestock Transport

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
LT.1 (KEY) Vehicles used maintain the health and welfare of livestock being transported. N/A	LT.1.a Headroom that allows livestock to see LT.1.b Non-slip flooring. LT.1.c Flooring that prevents the leakage of practicable). LT.1.d No sharp edges, projections or other injury. LT.1.e Adequate ventilation. LT.1.f Partitions are appropriately designed positioned. LT.1.g For journeys over 8 hours, partitions less than 8 hours, partitions are prosegregation of stock and prevent incommon animals from injury.	of faeces and urine (as far as er hazards which may cause ed, constructed and are provided. For journeys evided as necessary to allow
	LT.1.h The vehicle is secure with side gates escaping during loading/unloading	
	LT.1.i Loading ramps have foot batons to	reduce risk of slipping.

LT.1.j

The internal and external ramp angles do not exceed 26.6° for adult cattle and sheep or 20° for calves.

LT.1.k

Vehicles fitted with roof to protect from weather.

LT.1.m

Lighting (fixed or portable, i.e. torch) is available for inspection of livestock.

LT.2

Where bedding is used it must be clean, safe and suitable.



LT.2.a

Calves and lambs are provided with straw during transport

LT.3

Legally required stocking densities must be followed in order to minimise stress and risk of injury.



LT.3.a

Adjustments made when required to allow for current weather conditions, type of vehicle and size and category of livestock.

LT.3.b

Not tightly or loosely stocked.

LT.3.d

Different species not carried in the same compartment.

LT.4 (KEY)

Livestock transported off the farm must be fit for the intended journey

LT.4.a

Livestock are able to bear weight on all four legs and walk onto the vehicle unaided.

LT.4.b

The following livestock are not transported:

- sick or injured livestock where moving them would cause additional suffering
- shorn sheep (with less than 7mm of staple growth) during extremely cold weather
- heavily pregnant females (where more than 90% of the gestation period has passed) unless being transported for veterinary treatment
- females who have given birth during the last 7 days
- newborns with unhealed navels

LT.4.c

Restrictions on youngstock are adhered to as outlined below:

- Calves less than 10 days: Not transported more than 100km unless accompanied by their dam.
- Calves 11-14 days: Not transported more than 8 hours unless accompanied by their dam.

Lambs of less than 7 days: Not transported more than 100km unless accompanied by their dam.

GUIDANCE: Animals that are slightly ill or injured may only be transported under very limited circumstances including transport within keepership, only if it does not cause any unnecessary suffering.

LT.5

Livestock transported by a trained and competent person



LT.5.a

Drivers have an understanding of handling and driving livestock to avoid injury, minimise stress and express normal behaviours.

LT.5.b

Drivers hold the relevant Species Specific Certificate of Competence for the journeys they undertake:

- for journeys over 65km and less than 8 hours- Species Specific Certificate of Competence for Short Journeys
- for journeys over 8 hours Species Specific Certificate of Competence for Long Journeys



 Species Specific Certificate of Competence

LT.6 Emergency plans and facilities must be in place N/A

LT.6.a

Driver equipped with a mobile phone and emergency contact numbers.



In the case of long journeys (over 8 hours) a written contingency plan is available.



Contingency plan

LT.7 A valid transporter



Red Tractor Beef & Lamb Standards \	/ersion 5 Modified	February 2025
 authorisation is held for the journeys undertaken a short journey (Type 1) authorisation for journeys over 65km and up to 8 hours a long journey (Type 2) authorisation for journeys over 8 hours 		Transporter authorisation
LT.8 Vehicles and trailers used for journeys in excess of 8 hours must be approved by the relevant competent authority N/A		Vehicle approval certificate
LT.9 (KEY) Vehicles must be cleaned and disinfected using DEFRA approved disinfectants N/A	LT.9.a Cleaned and disinfected after every delivery unless vehicles are used to between the same two points in a si	make repeat journeys

Environment

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
EC.1 (KEY) Potential pollutants must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution to crops, feedstuffs, animals, soils, groundwater and watercourses	EC.1.a Fuel tanks are bunded where required be EC.1.b Agrochemicals are kept in a well-mainta containment of any spillages EC.1.c Manufactured fertiliser is stored on a hat EC.1.d Fertilisers that pose a combustion or ox accordance with the Safety Data Sheet	ained store which allows for ard, dry surface

GUIDANCE: Potential pollutants include but not limited to, PPPs*, manufactured fertilisers, fuel oil, empty containers, disinfectants, rodenticides, dairy chemicals, sheep dip.

*PPPs are defined as any product with a current MAPP number

EC.1.1 (KEY)

Organic manures must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution to crops, feedstuffs, animals, soils, groundwater and watercourses

EC.1.1.a

Organic manures (not including storage within a building) are not stored:

- within 10m of inland freshwaters or coastal waters
- within 50m of a spring, well or borehole
- where there is significant risk of runoff entering watercourses

EC.1.1.b

Manure heap (not including field heaps) effluent runoff does not enter a watercourse, either directly or through land drains, roads, tracks or other pathways

EC.1.1.c

Where manure is stored in temporary field heaps, these must be moved at least every 12 months

EC.1.1.d

Slurry tanks, reception pits, pipes and channels are impermeable

EC.1.1.e

Above ground slurry stores with a pipe for emptying are fitted with at least two functioning valves (one of which can be the nozzle), locked when not in use.

EC.1.1.f

Reception pits can hold 48 hours' production including likely rainfall on all surfaces draining into the pit

EC.1.1.g

The combined available capacity of slurry tanks, pits, compounds and



 Documented slurry storage requirement calculation lagoons have sufficient capacity for slurry storage of:

- at least 4 months in non-NVZ
- at least 5 months in NVZ areas

EC.1.1.h

There is a documented up-to-date calculation of slurry storage requirements

GUIDANCE: Watercourse = includes, water courses (ditches, streams, rivers), ponds, lakes, reservoirs, canals, estuaries, coastline. Organic manure = livestock manures, sewage sludge/biosolids, compost, digestates, organic industrial wastes. Risk factors which could lead to runoff, which should be taken into account are: slope (especially if greater than 12 degrees), ground cover, proximity to watercourses or wetlands, weather conditions and forecasts, soil type and condition, presence and condition of land drains.

Useful slurry storage calculation tools include AHDB Slurry Wizard and CAFRE Nutrients Calculator."

EC.1.2 (KEY) Silage must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution N/A

EC.1.2.a

Silage is made and stored at least 10m from watercourses and at least 50m from springs, wells and boreholes.

EC.1.2.b

Silos have an effluent collection system

EC.1.2.c

Effluent from baled silage does not leak into water source

EC.1.2.d

Field silage effluent is contained

EC.1.3 Slurry pits/lagoons must be fenced for animal and personnel safety

N/A

EC.2 In the case of packaging breakages potential pollutants must be

EC.2.a

Container has an appropriate safe closure cap or bag tie

EC.2.b

The original label information is displayed

EC.6

PPP application must be undertaken EC.6.a

Red Tractor Beef & Lamb Standards Version 5 Modified February 2025 transferred to a suitable container N/A **EC.3** EC.3.a Nitrogen based Is stored where there is no public access fertilisers must be stored in a way that EC.3.b minimises the risk Product is either not stored close to, or is not visible from, a public of theft highway (covering or sheeting is an acceptable way of ensuring the product is not visible) N/A EC.3.c Checks are made to ensure manufactured fertiliser has not been tampered with, moved or stolen EC.3.d Any theft or losses are reported to the police immediately (Tel: 101) EC.4 (KEY) EC.4.a PPPs must be Manufacturer's instructions are followed appropriate for their intended use EC.4.b N/A PPPs are approved for use **EC.4.c** Unapproved product is kept in a segregated area of the pesticide store, pending collection for disposal at the earliest opportunity; clearly marked with signs/labels stating that it must not be used EC.5 (KEY) EC.5.a PPPs must be PPP application does not occur in areas of high pollution risk, as applied in a manner identified on farm map that minimises the risk of EC.5.b contamination and PPP application does not occur in unsuitable conditions e.g. when there pollution is a risk of drift or where soil conditions are unsuitable e.g. N/A waterlogged, flooded or snow-covered soil or where the soil has been frozen for more than 12 hours in the previous 24 hours EC.5.c Buffer zone requirements of the PPP being applied are complied with

by competent operators



NPTC Pesticide Application Certificates/Lantra Awards Level 2 Pesticides qualification NPTC/Lantra certificates

EC.7 All PPP application equipment must be maintained and tested



EC.7.a

Frequency of testing is carried out as follows:

- all new trailed/mounted/selfpropelled sprayers are NSTS tested before they are 5 years old
- subsequently trailed/mounted/self-propelled sprayers with a boom width over 3m are NSTS tested once every 3 years
- subsequently trailed/mounted/self-propelled sprayers with a boom width of 3m or under and other application equipment (slug pellet, microgranular applicators, weed wipers) are NSTS tested once every 6 years
- knapsack, handheld and pedestrian equipment does not require an NSTS test but should be checked by the operator at least annually

EC.7.b

Equipment calibration occurs at least annually



- NSTS Certificates
- Calibration records

EC.8 Records must be kept of all PPP applications N/A

EC.8.a

Records include:

- field identifier
- crop/variety
- date and time applied
- justification/target for application
- product name and active ingredient
- rate of application
- water volume
- name of sprayer operator
- grazing/harvest interval



PPP application records

- total area
- · wind direction and speed
- first permissible harvest date

EC.8.c

Records are kept for at least 3 years

EC.8.1 (Recomn

(Recommendation)
It is recommended
where PPPs are
used on crops an
Integrated Pest
Management (IPM)
plan is completed



• IPM plan



EC.9 (KEY)

Manufactured fertilisers and organic manures must be applied in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution



Any materials, including waste materials, that are applied to land should have agricultural benefit



Exemptions/permits to use waste materials are held

EC.9.c

A Manure Management Plan (MMP) is kept and followed when applying organic manures to land

EC.9.d

MMP includes, at least:

- where and when manure can/cannot be applied (detailed on a map)
- calculations of total area required to apply organic manure
- details of Total Spreadable Area available and outlets for any excess organic manure

EC.9.e

Before application the following factors are considered:

NVZ restrictions



- Exemptions/permits
- Manure Management Plan (or records detailing required information)

- soil type
- soil condition
- crop requirements
- slope
- weather conditions
- the location of watercourses
- water supplies and abstraction points (including on neighbouring land)

EC.9.f

Applications are not carried out during high-risk times e.g. on waterlogged, flooded or snowcovered soil or where the soil has been frozen for more than 12 hours in the previous 24 hours

EC.9.g

Biosolids are assured under the Biosolids Assurance Scheme

EC.9.h

Untreated sewage sludge, untreated abattoir or catering derived animal by-products are not applied

EC.9.i

Applications are made in accordance with <u>Appendix</u>

EC.10

All manufactured fertiliser application equipment must be maintained and calibrated at least annually





Calibration record

GUIDANCE: Annual field calibration and records are acceptable

EC.11 (KEY)
All wastes which
cannot be utilised
are disposed of in a
manner that

EC.11.a

Wastes are disposed of by a registered waste carrier

EC.11.b



Waste transfer notes

minimises the risk of contamination and pollution

Wastes are not burnt, with the exception of vegetation and untreated wood

EC.11.c

Empty PPP containers are:

- cleaned using an integrated pressure rinsing device, or triple rinsed appropriately and the rinsate returned to the spray tank
- stored securely
- not reused
- returned to the supplier or where non-returnable, disposed of via a registered waste carrier

EC.11.d

Redundant PPPs are disposed of via the supplier or a registered waste carrier • Waste carrier name and registration number

GUIDANCE: In order to transport your own waste you must be registered (free of charge) as a low tier waste carrier: https://www.gov.uk/register-renew-waste-carrier-broker-dealer-england.

Opportunities are capaidared for: reducing the production of waste, required waste (where

Opportunities are considered for:- reducing the production of waste- re-using waste (where appropriate)- recycling waste, plastics in particular

EC.12

Waste sheep dip must be dealt with in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution



Urea

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
UR. 1 Fertiliser containing urea must only be applied where the	UR.1.a Protected/inhibited fertilisers containing solid urea can be applied	Application records

February 2025

following requirements are met (NEW)

within any product use by/best before dates

UR.1.b

Protected/inhibited fertilisers containing liquid urea can be applied with the prescribed rate of protector/inhibitor for the application, and within any product use by/best before date

UR.1.c

In England, unprotected/uninhibited solid fertiliser containing urea can only be applied between 15th January and 31st March

UR.1.d

In England, unprotected/uninhibited liquid fertiliser containing urea can be applied between 15th January and 31st March

UR.1.e

In England, unprotected/uninhibited liquid fertiliser containing urea can be applied between 1st April and last application in autumn* only if agronomic justification is provided by FACTS-qualified farm personnel** or advice specific for the crop has been provided by a FACTS-Qualified Adviser and been followed (see EC 9.1)

UR.1.f

In Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales fertiliser containing urea (solid and liquid) can be applied as per relevant legislation

- Name and FACTS professional register number
- Recommendation sheet for applications

This standard includes: All mineral fertilisers for agricultural use, containing 1% ureic nitrogen or more, except urea solution for late foliar application for protein

^{*} All applications should be made before the end of October in accordance with RB209.

^{**} A member of the FACTS Professional RegisterProtected/inhibited means urease inhibitors or treatments to mitigate ammonia emissions