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Dairy Goat 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
- 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: <u>redtractorassurance.org.uk</u> for additional help and templates.
 - Read the Red Tractor Membership Rules on the Red Tractor Assurance website: redtractorassurance.org.uk/member-rules/

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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 buildings ar clear of rubbish, non-essential equipm DP.1.b Loose wire, net and silage wrap, scrap disused tyres are managed	nent and other debris

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

DP.2

A documented plan for the effective management of serious incidents and potential emergency situations that threaten the welfare of livestock, food safety

DP.2.a

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

- feed and/or water equipment failing
- fire
- power cuts



 Contingency/emergency plan

or the environment must be in place.

- 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
- loss of assurance status
- 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 e.g. Milk test fails.

Includes results of any relevant analyses carried out on any samples that have importance to human health, e.g. microbiological testing, residues, environmental sampling

DP.4

The Nominated vet or vet from the nominated vet practice must be informed of each antibiotic failure.

DP.4.a

Nominated vet or vet from the nominated vet practice informed within 1 week of the farmer being made aware of the failure.

DP.4.b

Nominated vet or vet from the nominated vet practice reviews medicine use and makes recommendations to prevent the issue happening again.

DP.4.c

Milk test failure recorded in the complaints record.



- Complaints record
- Vet review record

DP.5 (Recommendation)
It is recommended you
have a written breeding
and management policy
in place and
implemented so there is
minimal euthanasia of
kids

DP.5.a

Policy must cover breeding and management decision processes to include: Breeding · breeding management decisions Management · provision of rearing facilities to cover the number of youngstock · provision/plan for TB breakdown

DP.5.b

Evidence that the breeding and management policy is implemented on-farm.

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 	Induction record

reporting lines

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 Records of training must be kept

PL.2.a

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 (inhouse 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



Training Record

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



- Evidence of GLAA licence
- Service Level Agreement

training completed by the labour provider as an alternative to the businesses' 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

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): htts://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.1.1 (KEY) Goats must be identified in accordance with legislation.		
TI.2.1 (KEY) Records of goat 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 goat born or identified as required by legislation TI.2.1.b Goat 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 Goats are accompanied by animal movement documentation	TI.3.b Food Chain information (FCI) accolivestock sent to slaughter (includimarket).	·
TI.4 (KEY) Controls must be in place to ensure assurance status of livestock being sold as assured	TI.4.a Goats are farm assured their whole life:	Transport Declaration

- 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

TI.5.a

If livestock from multiple holdings are collected onsite the site must hold an Animal Gatherings Order The conditions of the AGO are being met

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• Animal Gatherings order

Vermin Control

TI.5 (KEY)

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

VC.2.a

Prior to treatment with baits the use of non-chemical control methods is considered first followed by the least toxic alternatives (see 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



- Environmental Risk Assessment
- Bait Plan
- COSHH assessment (where applicable)

contaminating animal feed/milk storage area

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

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 professional users and only with products authorised for this use.

VC.3

Systems must be in place to control vermin in milk production/storage areas

VC.3.a

In the milk storage facility doors are kept closed

VC.3.b

In the parlour feed hoppers are clean and covered

VC.3.c

There is no evidence of accumulated dirt from nesting birds

VC.3.d

Insect elimination measures (such as screens, food-safe fly sprays, strips, electric fly killers) are positioned and managed where they cannot contaminate the product

VC.3.e

Vermin access points are eliminated

Milk Production

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
MP.1 The milk collection area must be kept practically clean and tidy.	MP.1.a The area from the back axle of the tanke access is made of concrete or similar sum. MP.1.b The walkway from the driver's door to the and storage tank access provides clean the tanker driver. MP.1.c Kept sufficiently clean that the tanker house	urface, complete, drained e back axle of the tanker , hard-standing access for
MP.2 The milk collection area must be externally lit to facilitate the safe collection of milk in darkness		
MP.3 The dairy and milk storage area must be free from accumulated dirt, dust, cobwebs, mould, rust, rubbish and medicines, chemicals/products, buckets and equipment not in use (including pressure washers when not specifically used for dairy).	MP.3.a Foul odours avoided by keeping drains f adequate ventilation and not siting slurr dairy. MP.3.c A means of cleaning the dairy available chose pipe.	y/effluent tanks next to

GUIDANCE: Dairy being any area where the milk is either held or where equipment through which the milk passes it sited (i.e. plate cooler, filter).

MP.4 Structures within the dairy and milk storage area must be sound, maintained and suitable. MP.4.a Walls (the full height to the ceiling) and doors are undamaged with a sealed, washable finish.

MP.4.b

Floors are impervious, well-drained (no standing water) and complete (any cracks not able to hold dirt or water).

MP.4.c

Ceilings, beams and roof linings are complete and maintained. False ceilings are fully sealed.

MP.4.e

Well-fitting, complete windows that are permanently secured shut or have fitted fly screens.

MP.4.f

Lights are shatterproof or covered.

MP.5

The dairy and milk storage access points must be kept secure when unattended.

MP.5.a

All access points to the dairy/milk storage facilities can be secured.

MP.5.b

The external door(s) or room can be locked.

MP.5.c

Doors are kept closed when not in use.

MP.6

Milk storage tanks are managed to reduce the risk of milk contamination.

MP.6.a

Tank and silo lid hatches/covers and bungs are entire and kept routinely closed.

MP.6.b

Checks can be made on milk to ensure it is not contaminated i.e. tanks have lids or sampling points and space between the tank lid and ceiling to allow sampling and visual inspection of milk.

MP.6.c

Exterior:

- tanks/silos, pipelines, rubber seals, motor casings, outlets and hoses/pressure washers are free from external accumulated dirt, dust, rust, bird droppings
- water heaters, agitator motors free from rust
- milk silo air inlets are fitted with a filter
- milk silos are located on a drained concrete pad

MP.6.d

Interior:

- cleaning completed after every complete milk collection and left free of chemical residues achieved by a final rinse with potable water
- clean outlet pipes, dipsticks, lids, caps, bungs, internal ladders, external valves and sampling points

MP.7

Milk cooling systems and storage tanks cool milk to required temperatures

MP.7.a

Milk cooled immediately after milking to at least the legal maximum temperatures. * First Purchaser contracts may specify more stringent temperature requirements.

MP.7.b

Tanks are fitted with functioning temperature gauges.

Temperatures checked after each milking and comparisons between temperatures on tanker collection receipts and tank gauges made to identify faults.

MP.8

Milk cooling systems and storage tanks must be maintained to ensure effective cooling and washing.

MP.8.a

Evidence of annual service.

MP.8.b

Maintenance/calibration of relevant gauges and leakage testing as required by legislation.

MP.8.c

Faults identified during the service are rectified.



Service sheets

MP.9

The milking parlour/automated milking units must be kept clean and tidy.

MP.9.a

The parlour area is free from accumulated dirt, dung, dust and rubbish.

MP.9.b

The parlour walls, doors and gates and collecting yard close to the entrance are clean.

MP.9.c

Troughs are free from mould and a build-up of mould of feed debris.

MP.9.d

Ceilings are visually clean and beams/girders free from rust and accumulated dust.

MP.9.e

The parlour is kept tidy and clear of products, chemicals and items not in constant use.

MP.10

Equipment in the parlour must be clean.

MP.10.a

Equipment visually clean: internally and external - applies to ducts, jars, clusters and pipework.

MP.10.b

Detailed plant cleaning protocol available, displayed and implemented. Must include stages of wash and final rinse, products used, water temperature and checks undertaken (frequency) If auto wash used stages should be detailed along with frequency of checks undertaken



 Plant cleaning protocol

MP.11

A supply of water and suitable means of washing must be available to the parlour area.

MP.11.a

A dedicated hose or power washer for the parlour which is long enough to reach all areas of the parlour and all milking points.

MP.12

Structures within the parlour area must be sound, maintained and suitable.

MP.12.a

Walls (with a washable height to 2.5m or whole wall) and doors are undamaged with a sealed, washable finish.

MP.12.b

Floors are impervious, well-drained (no standing water), complete (any cracks not able to hold dirt or water).

MP.12.c

Ceilings, beams and roof linings complete and maintained. False ceilings fully sealed.

MP.13

The parlour must be well lit and any lighting must not be a cause for contamination.

MP.13.a

Parlour light intensity enables goat I.D. to be read and foremilk inspection carried out.

MP.13.b

Lights are shatterproof or covered.

MP.13.c

Light covers are free from accumulated dead flies and cobwebs.

MP.14

The milking machine and all associated equipment, fixtures and fittings must be maintained and suitable.

MP.14.a

Fixtures and fittings are of sound construction with a washable finish.

MP.14.b

No signs of perishing rubber ware.

MP.14.c

Automatic dipping and flushing systems are maintained and functioning to ensure milk contamination is avoided.

MP.15

Teat cup liners must be clean, free from damage and changed regularly.

MP.15.a

The milking machine has teat cup liners that are changed in accordance with manufacturers' instructions for number of milkings/hours of use.



Records of date of liner change

MP.15.b

Records of liner changes are kept for 12 months.

MP.16

The milking machine must be tested at least annually, identified faults rectified and records kept.

MP.16.a

Machine tested statically at least annually to latest standards relevant to machine or installation date (currently ISO6690:2007).



MP.16.b

Copies of test report available to assessor.

MP.16.c

Test reports/delivery notes/invoices demonstrate faults have been rectified.

Machine test certificate and report - showing test compliance to ISO6690:2007

MP.18 (Recommendation) It is recommended that milking machine testing is undertaken by a competent engineer or technician

MP.18.a

Technician/engineer holds accreditation through the Milking Equipment Association or similar.



Documentation quotes membership number

MP.19

Water used in the milk production area that is in contact with teats/udders

MP.19.b

Where private water supplies are used an annual risk assessment or water test has been carried out and



and internal equipment surfaces must be safe.

water has been determined as being safe. See relevant <u>Appendix</u> for guidance.

 Water test report Risk Assessment

GUIDANCE: Water is direct from the mains, held in a clean, covered holding tank or from a safe private water supply.

MP.20

Chemicals and cleaning agents used within the milk production area must be authorised for intended use, stored and used in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.

MP.20.a

Products used are within date, not phenolic based, not known to cause taint in milk, not harmful to livestock if in contact with the udder.

MP.20.b

Cleaning chemicals do not contain quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs), as stated on the chemical data sheet or a warranty received from the supplier.

MP.20.c

Correct quantities are used (measuring jug used or regular checks on auto-dosing systems).

MP.20.d

Products are used in water of the correct temperature.



- Data sheets/warranty declaration from supplier
- Wash protocol

MP.21

The temperature of the wash cycle must be checked regularly.

MP.21.a

Functional thermal tapes, electronic thermometers or integrated monitoring systems are used.

MP.21.b

Gauges on water heaters indicate start temperature.

MP.22

Current safety sheets for all chemicals and cleaning agents (including disinfectants) used within the milk production area must be available.

MP.22.a

Chemical safety sheets are easily accessible to all, in case of emergency or spillage, either printed or downloaded and saved on an electronic device accessible by all.

MP.23 (KEY)

Lactating goats must be milked daily or as detailed in the health plan.

MP.23.a

Milking times and intervals are consistent for all milking goats including those in isolation.

MP.24 (KEY)

Procedures must be in place to reduce the risk of contaminating milk and to inspect for abnormalities

MP.24.a

Udders and teats are clean and dry prior to milking with a means of cleaning soiled udders available and used as necessary

MP.24.b

Udder cloths, if used are single use or sanitised between goats.

MP.24.c

Goats have their milk individually inspected at the start of milking – for presence of blood, clots and discolouration. Methods of inspection are: foremilking, conductivity meter/colour detection system, transparent claws long milk tube filters or recording jars.

MP.24.d

Contamination of milk from antibiotic sprays minimised by only applying post milking.

MP.25 (KEY)

Milk consigned for human consumption must be suitable for use.

MP.25.a

Milk is unsuitable and discarded if:

- It is from a TB reactor (from the point of veterinary diagnosis)
- Inspection/detection identifies abnormalities in the milk
- The goat it derives from shows signs of disease, infection, udder inflammation or wounds (and therefore the goat is being treated); or is under medicine withdrawal period

GUIDANCE: Animals are in a good state of health and present no sign of disease that might result in the contamination of milk.

In particular are not suffering from any infection of the genital tract with discharge, enteritis with diarrhoea and fever, udder wound likely to affect the milk and colostrum or recognisable inflammation of the udder. Animals are free of brucellosis.

MP.26 (KEY)

Systems are in place to ensure that milk unfit for human consumption does not enter the milk storage tank.

MP.26.a

In all milking system, goats whose milk is unfit for human consumption are:

- · clearly identified for the full withdrawal period
- treated goats are visually identified with stock marker/spray, lower leg tapes/bands

MP.26.b

In conventional parlour systems, goats whose milk is unfit for human consumption are:

 milked last or into a separate bucket unit system. If separate units are unavailable and treated goats not milked last, the unit is thoroughly cleaned prior to being used on other goats

MP.27

Milking personnel are aware of relevant procedures that prevent contaminated milk from entering the milk storage tank.

MP.27.a

I.D. of treated goats is communicated to milking personnel including relief milkers (e.g. white board).

MP.27.b

All aware of methods of identifying treated goats (as outlined in Herd Health Plan).

MP.28 (KEY)

Milking personnel must follow good hygiene practices

MP.28.a

Wellingtons, milking apron/suit are clean at the start of milking and cleaned/changed when soiled during milking. Clean gloves are used for each milking.

MP.28.b

Hands, forearms (and gloves, if used), are kept clean during milking

MP.28.c

Cuts, wounds and sores are covered.

MP.28.d

Stockmen suffering from infectious illness that could contaminate raw milk do not carry out milking.

MP.29

Dedicated and accessible hand and arm washing and drying facilities must be provided

MP.29.a

Located within the dairy or an adjacent room which is also accessible to tanker driver

MP.29.b

Facilities include:

- Sink/vessel/hose
- Hot water is made available
- Soap

MP.29.c

Paper towels along with bin (emptied regularly) or hygienic method of hand drying are available

MP.29.d

Hand basins discharge into a drain or well-drained floor

GUIDANCE: If sinks are used for the purpose of hand washing then it needs to be working, clean and not used as a storage area.

If a hose point/drop hose is used for hand washing then the floor should be free draining and impervious to avoid pooing water.

MP.30

The dairy and all milking areas are designated no smoking areas.

MP.30.a

Smoking does not occur in the dairy or parlour/automated milking unit area.

MP.30.b

Both areas have appropriate signage.

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	HF.1.a Housing secure to prevent straying/es HF.1.b There are no sharp edges, projections a hazard to livestock HF.1.c Electrical installations are inaccessible HF.1.d Lights over feed troughs are shatterpredictions and paints of the straight of the stra	s or other features presenting ble to livestock roof/protected m harmful chemical
HF.2 Effective ventilation of housing to minimise high humidity, build-up of odours and maintains a comfortable temperature must be provided	HF.2.b Minimise signs of heat stress and goad draughts/extreme cold	ts are not exposed to

HF.3

Floor surfaces are sound, well-constructed and maintained and livestock can walk at ease without slipping or risk of injury

HF.3.a

Design of any slats are suitable for the species and do not cause livestock to slip or cause foot injuries. Non slatted lying areas provided to goats

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 cleaned out to avoid a build-up of dirty bedding

HF.4.b

All livestock sent to slaughter meet abattoir cleanliness specifications

HF.4.d

No accumulation of excess water, urine, dung or slurry

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 kids, 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.

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- 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

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	HF.5.d Fixed lighting is provided in all milking goat housing
HF.6 Housing must be of sufficient size	HF.6.a Group yards and loose housing systems allow space for them all to lie down simultaneously, rise without difficulty, turn around and stretch HF.6.b
	Loose housing provides at least 1.5m2 per adult goat
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.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.10

Facilities must be available on-farm that enable the loading and unloading of livestock with minimal stress

HF.10.a

Adequate lighting to inspect stock at point of loading

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 26.60 for adult goats, 200 for kids.

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 manmade; hedges, trees, walls) and well-drained lying areas

HF.12.a

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

HF.12

There must be controls in place to minimise overgrazing and poaching

HF.12.b

Tracks and gateways are maintained to reduce the risk of foot damage or injury

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 body condition of the animal	FW.1.b No unmanaged welfare outcomes in relation to Body Condition Score of milking herd FW.1.c Systems in place to ensure nutritional needs are met: • either regular documented body condition scoring • documented feed plan for the milking herd plus documented feed plans for dry goats and kids	• BCS Sheets • Feed Plan
FW.1.1 A system is in place to ensure newborn calves/lambs/kids receive sufficient, suitable colostrum as soon as possible after birth but definitely within 6 hours	FW.1.1.b Alternative sources of colostrum (fravailable in the event of the dam no	•
FW.1.2 (Recommendation) Colostrum or milk from known Johne's positive goats must not be fed to youngstock (suckling of dams permissible)	FW.1.2.a Detail contained within colostrum princluding alternative provision e.g. a goats/powdered colostrum FW.1.2.b ID of known Johne's positive anima	frozen colostrum from clean
FW.1.3 (Recommendation) It is recommended that milk (excluding colostrum) from goats under the statutory withdrawal period for		

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antibiotics is not fed to
youngstock (suckling of
dams permissible)

FW.2

All livestock must be provided with sufficient access to feed

FW.2.a

There is enough feeding space per animal - dependent on the system of feeding <u>See Appendix</u> for recommended space allowances.

FW.2.1

FW.3 (KEY)

Feeding systems inc. automatic feeders are checked at least daily to ensure they are working and clean (REVISED)

FW.3.a

All livestock must be provided with adequate access to a supply of fresh, clean drinking water 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 contains 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, 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



Warranty declaration

- hay and/or silage supplied via forage merchants
- roots and vegetable/fruit which have not been processed beyond basic grading and washing

GUIDANCE: <u>See 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:



- 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



Home-mixing records

ingredients, quantities, mixing dates

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

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 place

FW.9.d

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

- Local authority approval
- HACCP
- Quality Control Plan
- 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.

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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	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	• Health Plan

AH.1.c

The plan makes reference to those responsible for livestock and other relevant persons e.g. nutritionist, foot trimmer, nominated vet or nominated vet practice

AH.1.d

The dated plan includes elements prescribed in <u>the</u> Appendix:

- biosecurity policy
- infectious disease inc.
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- vaccination
- parasite control
- foot care and lameness management
- mastitis
- metabolic disorders
- management of drying off
- colostrum policy
- husbandry procedures
- identifying treated animals
- pain relief procedures
- dealing with TB reactors
- euthanasia

AH.1.e

Plan is easily accessible to all persons involved in the care and management of the stock

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.

AH.1.1

A written annual livestock health and performance review must be undertaken by the nominated vet or a vet

AH.1.1.a

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



 Health and performance review

from the nominated vet practice

- lameness
- mortality records
- culling records and reasons for culling
- mastitis
- disease
- parasites
- medicine administration records
- medicine collation
- antibiotic collation
- review use of HP-CIAs
- prophylactic treatments
- review cascade use
- make recommendations for alternative strategies and reduction where possible

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.1.3 Johne's disease must be managed through with the

vet as detailed in the health plan

AH.1.3.a

Plan implemented

AH.2

Records of the health and performance of livestock must be maintained

AH.2.a

Records include an annual collation of:

- lameness
- mastitis
- mortality records inc. cause of deaths if known
- culling records and reasons for culling
- medicine records including reason for treatment



Farm records/Recording tools/Mortality Records

• abattoir feedback (where provided and applicable)

AH.3

AH.5

stress

The nominated vet/vet practice must visit the farm at least annually and see the livestock to check for signs of disease

The health and welfare of

livestock must be

checked regularly for signs of illness, injury and

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 <u>Red Tractor</u>
<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.6.1 (Recommendation) It is recommended that CCTV is in operation and is used to monitor animal welfare

AH.6.1.a

CCTV is in operation in the parlour and main handling area.

AH.6.1.b

CCTV is operational.

AH.6.1.c

Footage is recorded and kept for a minimum of 30 days.

AH.6.1.d

A documented procedure is



CCTV procedure

followed with regards to review of the footage and staff training.

AH.6.1.e

Signage is displayed to inform personnel and visitors that CCTV is in use and its purpose.

AH.6.1.f

CCTV Footage is made available for assessment purposes, on request.

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, AI 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 euthanised

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



Euthanasia policy

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	to deal with emergency cases promptly and prevent unnecessary suffering AH.8.f Lame goats identified, treated and managed in accordance with the Herd Health Plan.	
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.		
AH.10 Goats must be provided with environmental enrichment.		

Husbandry Procedures

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
HP.1 (KEY) Husbandry procedures must be carried out appropriately	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	 Medicine records for pain relief Training Records Health Plan

HP.1.d

Carried out by appropriately trained and competent persons in accordance with the Appendix

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.

Youngstock

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 hours normally 09:00-17:00. CR.1.c Clean, dry, bedded and have a non-slatted lying area. CR.1.d Of sufficient size to allow kids to lie down simultaneously, rise without difficulty, stretch and move freely without injury. CR.1.e Visual and tactile contact with other kids (where there are 2 or more).	
	CR.1.f Kids are not housed in individual huweeks of age but in groups of two oveterinary advice.	
	CR.1.g Flooring is non-slip and maintained.	
CR.2 (KEY) Artificially reared youngstock must receive a daily diet to maintain their health and welfare	CR.2.a Kids provided with at least two milk and not weaned before 5 weeks of a CR.2.b Manufacturers' instructions followere placers where used.	age.

CR.2.c

Youngstock not weaned until sufficient hard feed is eaten

CR.2.d

At the latest youngstock are given dry, fresh, clean feed including forage from 8 days of age.

CR.2.e

Feeding equipment teats positioned for easy reach.

CR.2.f

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	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 visitors that have access to livestock	• Farm Biosecurity Policy (can form part of the health plan)

- 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)	AM.1.a POM-V products are prescribed by AM.1.b POM-VPS products are prescribed Suitably Qualified Person (SQP)/Re Advisor (RAMA) AM.1.d Prescriptions for medicated feed d information, including • the species of animal, the numl • the diagnosed disease to be tre • name, active substance and an and inclusion rates (medicinal) • overall amount of feed to be sup	by a vet, pharmacist or egistered Animal Medicines etail all legally required ber of animals and their ID ated or prevented hount of product prescribed bremix and active ingredient)
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

AM.2.d

Antibiotic footbaths must not be used in milking stock

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 standards for 'Prescription-Only Medicine – Veterinarian, Pharmacist, Suitably Qualified Person (SQP)' 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.2.1

Udder and hoof care products must not contain quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs)

AM.2.1.a

Either the chemical data sheet or a warranty declaration from the supplier confirms product does not contain QACs



 Chemical data sheets/warranty declaration

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



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

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

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 infeed, 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 within the last 5 years and holds a certificate of competence/attendance (REVISED)

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. This must not be in the same room as that classified as the dairy.

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/milk
- identification of the animal or group of animals administered
- batch number
- number of animals treated
- · date treatment finished
- date animal/milk becomes fit for human consumption
- name of person administering medicine
- reason for treatment



 Medicine administration records

AM.6.b

Medicine administration records are kept for 5 years

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 in-use 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

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- 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: Medicine Hub 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

AM.10 (KEY)

Prescribed withdrawal periods must be correct and complied with

AM.10.a

Treated livestock are identifiable for the entire withdrawal period



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

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	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 stock ar and any found are promptly removed.	e regularly conducted
FS.2 (KEY) Carcasses of fallen and euthanised 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 stored in a manner that does not threaten the biosecurity of the farm, out of public view, and in containers or covered. FS.2.b If any containers are used for storage they are vermin proof (including birds). FS.2.c Kept away from milk production and collection areas.	
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

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	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	LT.1.a Headroom that allows livestock	to stand in a natural position.
health and welfare of livestock being transported.	LT.1.b Non-slip flooring.	
	LT.1.c Flooring that prevents the leakage of faeces and urine (as far as practicable).	
	LT.1.d No sharp edges, projections or other hazards which may cause injury.	
	LT.1.e Adequate ventilation.	
	LT.1.f Partitions are appropriately designed, constructed and positioned.	
	LT.1.g For journeys over 8 hours, partitions are provided. For journeys less than 8 hours, partitions are provided as necessary to allow segregation of stock and prevent individuals or small groups of animals from injury.	
	LT.1.h The vehicle is secure with side gescaping during loading/unload	•
	LT.1.i Loading ramps have foot batons	s to reduce risk of slipping.
	LT.1.j The internal and external ramp angles does not exceed: 26.6° for adult goats or 200° for kids.	

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

Kids 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
- 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 not transported

LT.4.c

The restrictions on youngstock are adhered to as outlined below:

- Kids less than 14 days: Not transported more than 8 hours unless accompanied by their dam.
- Kids 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

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 Species Specific Certificate of Competence

LT.6 Emergency plans and facilities must be in place

LT.6.a

Driver equipped with a mobile phone and emergency contact numbers.

LT.6.b

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



Contingency plan

LT.7

A valid transporter authorisation is held for the journeys undertaken

 a short journey (Type 1) authorisation for journeys



 Transporter authorisation

 over 65km and up to 8 hours a long journey (Type 2) authorisation for journeys over 8 hours 		
LT.8 Vehicles and trailers used for journeys in excess of 8 hours must be approved by the relevant competent authority		Vehicle approval certificate
LT.9 (KEY) Vehicles must be cleaned and disinfected using DEFRA approved disinfectants	LT.9.a Cleaned and disinfected after every load and within 24 hours of delivery unless vehicles are used to make repeat journeys between the same two points in a single day.	

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,	EC.1.a Fuel tanks are bunded where required by legislation (see Appendix) EC.1.b Agrochemicals are kept in a well-maintained store which allows for containment of any spillages	
feedstuffs, animals, soils, groundwater and watercourses	EC.1.c Manufactured fertiliser is stored on a hard, dry surface EC.1.d Fertilisers that pose a combustion or oxidiser hazard are stored in accordance with the Safety Data Sheet	
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	EC.1.1.a Organic manures (not including storage within a building) are not stored:	R

contamination and pollution to crops, feedstuffs, animals, soils, groundwater and watercourses

- 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 run off does not enter a watercourse, either directly or through land drains, roads, tracks or other pathways In Scotland, manure heap effluent is collected in an effluent tank or drained to a constructed farm wetland

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 lagoons have sufficient capacity for slurry storage of:

 Documented slurry storage requirement calculation

- at least 4 months in non-NVZ areas
- at least 5 months in NVZ areas
- at least 22 weeks in Scotland
- at least 5 months in Wales

EC.1.1.h

There is a documented up-todate 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.

EC.1.2 (KEY)

Silage must be stored in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution

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 (field storage not permitted by Scottish legislation)

EC.1.3

EC.2

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

EC.2.a

Container has an appropriate safe closure cap or bag tie

In the case of packaging breakages potential

pollutants must be transferred to a suitable container

EC.2.b

The original label information is displayed

EC.3

Nitrogen based fertilisers must be stored in a way that minimises the risk of theft

EC.3.a

Is stored where there is no public access

EC.3.b

Product is either not stored close to, or is not visible from, a public highway (covering or sheeting is an acceptable way of ensuring the product is not visible)

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)

PPPs must be appropriate for their intended use

EC.4.a

Manufacturer's instructions are followed

EC.4.b

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)

PPPs must be applied in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution

EC.5.a

PPP application does not occur in areas of high pollution risk, as identified on farm map

EC.5.b

PPP application does not occur in unsuitable conditions e.g. when there is a risk of drift or where soil conditions are unsuitable e.g. 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

EC.6

PPP application must be undertaken by competent operators

EC.6.a

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/selfpropelled sprayers with a boom width over 3m are NSTS tested once every 3 years
- subsequently trailed/mounted/selfpropelled 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

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- NSTS Certificates
- Calibration records

EC.8 Records must be kept of all PPP applications

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
- total area
- wind direction and speed



• PPP application records

• first permissible harvest date

EC.8.c

Records are kept for at least 3 years

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• IPM plan

EC.8.1 (Recommendation)
It is recommended where
PPPs are used on crops an
Integrated Pest
Management (IPM) plan is
completed

EC.9 (KEY)

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

EC.9.a

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

EC.9.b

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
- soil type
- soil condition



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

- · 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 Appendix

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Calibration record

All manufactured fertiliser application equipment must be maintained and

calibrated at least annually

GUIDANCE: Annual field calibration and records are acceptable

EC.11 (KEY)

EC.10

All wastes which cannot be utilised are disposed of in a manner that minimises the risk of contamination and pollution

EC.11.a

Wastes are disposed of by a registered waste carrier

EC.11.b

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



- Waste transfer notes
- Waste carrier name and registration number

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

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

Urea

Standard	How you will be assessed	Records
UR. 1 Fertiliser containing urea must only be applied where the following requirements are met (NEW)	UR.1.a Protected/inhibited fertilisers containing solid urea can be applied 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	 Application records Name and FACTS professional register number Recommendation sheet for applications

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 o 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

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