



A.8c FARM SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Improving safety on farm is of critical importance to FQAS. As a producer, it is essential to ensure that all avoidable hazards are eliminated such as poorly protected lagoons, poor electrical wiring, inadequate stock handling facilities etc.

All producers must read and understand the importance of adherence with the following elements of the FQAS Standard which are geared towards promoting safe working on farm in the interests of protecting both humans and livestock.

Producers must sign this page to indicate they understand the standards below in relation to farm safety.



5.9	All units must have access to a suitable well-maintained handling facility for the handling and loading of animals, appropriate for the class of stock being handled and loaded, in order to minimise stress and risk of injury to livestock and staff.
5.10	All electrical installations at mains voltage must be inaccessible to stock, protected and properly earthed.
5.14	Only authorised materials may be used as animal bedding. Specifically, the use of treated waste wood products and gypsum are not permitted to be used as animal bedding.
7.2	The storage and use of animal manure, farm effluents and conserved forage must be in such ways as to prevent environmental pollution and ensure human and animal safety.
7.4	The sheep dipping facility must be securely covered in the interest of human and animal safety.
7.7	Agrochemicals must be stored, applied and disposed of in a manner that prevents contamination and pollution. Application of PPP's must only be undertaken by competent operators. Operators must hold the relevant Certificate of Competence. Application must be made in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations.
8.1	The person(s) with primary responsibility for the daily running of the farm must ensure that all farm staff are familiar with the appropriate emergency action for dealing with emergencies such as fire, flood and disruption of supplies.
8.3	The producer will understand the need to ensure that all avoidable hazards (for both livestock and humans) are eliminated.

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