

Aim:

To provide the candidate with knowledge, understanding and application of animal health, welfare, food hygiene and feed hygiene legislation.

Learning Outcomes:

The competence for this module is the demonstration of knowledge and understanding of:

1. The support system provided by various organisations and agencies that ensure the health and welfare of animals in the UK, including databases.
2. The causes and symptoms of notifiable and zoonotic animal diseases and conditions.
3. The recognition of characteristics and features associated with animal neglect and welfare issues.
4. The framework of legislation designed to protect the health and welfare of animals.
5. The legislation designed to protect the enforcement officer in the context of animal health and welfare work.
6. The legislation and codes of practice relating to primary production of feed and food.
7. The recognition of characteristics and features associated with the traceability of livestock and food fraud on farm.

Indicative areas of knowledge:

- An overview of farming systems and products.
- The status and role of Defra, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), The Rural Payment Agency (RPA), British Cattle Movement Service (BCMS), Food Standards Agency (FSA), Local Authorities and other organisations, institutions and support agencies, concerned with the health, welfare and movement of animals, including the Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC), RSPCA and other Welfare Pressure Groups.
- The role of central and local government in enforcing animal health and welfare standards and the legal requirements associated with animal disease prevention and control.
- Welfare legislation and codes of recommendation in relation to husbandry, transportation, exposure for sale.
- Familiarisation of 'body scores systems' and reasons for welfare problems.
- The legislation designed to control the spread of certain infectious notifiable diseases and conditions.
- An understanding of Local Authority and Defra disease control planning and responsibilities during a disease outbreak.
- Health and safety of enforcement officers during visits and holdings and other premises.
- Associated case law in relation to animal health and welfare.
- The bio-security precautions that are required by the industry and appropriate measures for bio-security to be taken by Inspectors when visiting premises.

The following terms have been used to indicate the level of knowledge required in each element;

Detailed: To an in-depth level, and with a fine degree of distinction between concepts;

Working: With the ability to apply the learning to situations so as to resolve problems;

Basic: Having an awareness of the organisations and concepts.

Assessments will reflect the requisite level of knowledge in each given area of the syllabus.

SYLLABUS	EVIDENCE REFERENCE	ASSESSOR COMMENTS/AGREEMENT	MODERATOR COMMENTS/AGREEMENT
General Background – Detailed Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organisation of Local Authorities including the role of the National Animal Health and Welfare Panel, TSI and Local Government Regulation 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DEFRA framework agreement, animal movement systems including AMLs, eAMLs, ARAMS, AMEs. 			
General Background– Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other bodies and agencies concerned with the health and welfare of the animals as defined in the relevant legislation 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of the Farm Animal Welfare Council 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of intelligence led enforcement in animal health and welfare services 			
Animal Health legislation relating to Disease, Transport and gatherings of Animals and animal welfare Detailed Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sections 15, 52, 87, 88, 89 and Part V of the Animal Health Act 1981 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The powers of Animal Health Inspectors when enforcing primary legislation or Orders and Regulations made under such legislation 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Acts of Parliament, EC Regulations and Directives and other Orders and Regulations which an Animal Health Inspector may use frequently in enforcement duties. 			

Legislation – Animal Health relating to Disease, Transport and gatherings of Animals and animal welfare Working Knowledge			
• Other Sections of the Animal Health Acts 1981			
• The Animal Health Act 2002			
• Guidance literature issued by Defra, TSI, Local Government Regulations and Local Authorities regarding the interpretation and enforcement of legislation.			
Animal Diseases – Detailed Knowledge			
• The law relating to the control of notifiable diseases affecting animals and poultry			
• The powers and controls when a notifiable disease is suspected and/or confirmed			
Animal Diseases – Working Knowledge			
• The rules at a place where a ‘notifiable disease’ may be suspected or confirmed and any areas or zones which may be put in place by the Minister			
• The law concerning the control and prevention of notifiable diseases including ‘foot and mouth’, ‘swine fever’, ‘bovine tuberculosis’, ‘rabies’, ‘anthrax’, ‘blue tongue’, ‘sheep scab’, ‘poultry diseases’ and any other relevant diseases of animals, including horses, which may occur.			
• The symptoms of the above diseases which may be displayed by the animals			
• Roles and responsibilities of various agencies involved in controlling any disease outbreak.			
The Records, Identification and Movement of Animals – Detailed Knowledge			
• The laws relating to the records, identification and movement of bovines, pigs, sheep, goats, deer, horses and poultry.			
• The requirement to keep medicine records			
• The Disease Control Orders and General Licence conditions			

The Records, Identification and Movement of Animals – Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The duties when enforcing such legislation at holding and other premises and vehicles. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reporting procedure and recording of farm animal movements including individual licences 			
Disposal of Animals By-Products and TSE Materials – Detailed Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The law relating to the collection, transport, documentation and disposal of Animal by-products including catering waste and former foodstuffs 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The law relating to the removal, transport, disposal and staining of Specified Risk Material 			
Disposal of Animals By-Products and TSE – Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The law relating to Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) 			
Animal Welfare – Detailed Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provisions of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and legislation made under the Act 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Welfare of Farmed Animals Regulations 2007 including Schedule 1 			
Animal Welfare – Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Codes of Practice for the Welfare of Livestock 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The other Schedules of the Welfare of Farmed Animal Regulations 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of the Farm Animal Welfare Council 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of other agencies and bodies concerned with the welfare of farm animals 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rules regarding the slaughter of farm animals at places other than the abattoir 			
Gathering of Animals, Poultry and Livestock Markets – Detailed Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legislation relating to animal gatherings and livestock markets in relation to disease and welfare and bio-security 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The action required when an unfit animal is found in a market 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements for Shows and exhibitions 			

Gathering of Animals, Poultry and Livestock Markets – Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current legislation with regard to the construction and maintenance of the structure of the livestock market 			
Transport of Animals – Detailed Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The laws relating to the welfare of animals during transport including the requirement for vehicle construction 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The laws relating to the movement of casualty animals 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The laws relating to cleansing and disinfection regarding animal transport 			
Transport of Animals – Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design and construction of different livestock and poultry vehicles 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirements for authorisations and competency certificates for transporters and livestock drivers and attendants. 			
The laws relating to the import and export of animals – Detailed Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The laws concerning importation with regard to rabies including the PET travel scheme and TARP (Trade in Animals and Related Products) 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The procedure when dealing with a suspected illegally imported animal. 			
The laws relating to the import and export of animals – Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legislative requirements for quarantine premises 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requirements and controls for the import and export of farm animals 			
Health and Safety – Detailed Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-security measures which must be undertaken to protect yourself and others in the course of your duties and to prevent the spread of animal disease 			
Health and Safety – Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The risk of infections from zoonotic disease and other sources 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The necessary precautions and risk assessments when undertaking farm visits, livestock vehicle checks, livestock market duties and other situations which may arise in the course of your duties 			

Feed / Food Hygiene - Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC Regulation 183/2005 annexes I, II and III and Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) Regulations 2005 including HACCP for those farms that may require it in accordance with annex II. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC Regulation 852/2004 annex I and Food Hygiene Regulations 2006 			
Feed / Food Hygiene - Basic Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC Regulation 178/2002, in particular articles 14 and 15, food and feed safety requirements 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture Act 1970, part IV 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Regulation 882/2004 and Official Feed and Food Control Regulations 2009 			
General Knowledge - Basic Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal sampling of food and feeding stuffs on farms 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical understanding of food and feed business operators responsibilities, food and feed safety, traceability and record keeping requirements 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed Law Enforcement Code of Practice, section 3 (inspections) and section 6 (sampling) 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Law Code of Practice, as it applies to enforcement at the level of primary production 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate use of inspection forms 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement mechanisms, in particular use of improvement notices 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pesticide uses 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of roles and responsibilities of other enforcement agencies, in particular Animal Health 			
General Knowledge - Working Knowledge			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government policy, guidance, reports, practice and papers relevant to this subject area 			

Evidence Reference: Give all your evidence a reference number and allocate the correct reference, which demonstrate the particular aspect of the syllabus. Please use the following for the reflective statement.

RS = Reflective Statement