

Reported Animal Welfare Incidents in Abattoirs, On Farm and During Transportation

Q1: April – June 2019



Quarterly Animal Welfare Incidents Report

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) is responsible as the competent authority under both EU and Domestic legislation, for ensuring compliance with all applicable Animal Welfare laws. Our Official Veterinary staff carry out daily monitoring in abattoirs to ensure not only that food business operators are acting responsibly and legally to maintain high standards of animal welfare, but also to report any non-compliances out with their enforcement area to the relevant bodies.

Animal welfare issues which are considered to have originated on farm are reported to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). Issues which originated during transport to the abattoir are referred to the relevant Local Authority.

Some issues may involve both bodies, and APHA carry out an initial triage of all referrals to ensure the correct authorities have the information sent by the Official Veterinary staff. This is a requirement of EU and Domestic regulation, but also supports FSS's overarching strategic aims of "Food is Safe", and "FSS is a Trusted Organisation", because we ensure compliance with animal welfare standards.

FSS Official Veterinarians investigate any instances where animal welfare could or has been compromised, or where there are non-compliances with the legislation. All welfare incidents are scored depending on the impact.

1) Welfare compliant	Compliant with welfare regulations; the BO is operating fully in compliance with the regulations and their own welfare controls and SOP's.
2) No immediate risk to welfare	Unlikely to compromise animal welfare or an isolated low risk situation that poses no immediate risk to animals.
3) Potential risk to welfare	Potential to compromise animal welfare but where there is no immediate risk to animals. This may lead to a situation that poses a risk to animals, causing pain distress or suffering.
4) Critical risk to welfare	Poses a serious and imminent risk to animal welfare or where avoidable pain distress or suffering has been caused.

This report is based on data entered by our Official Veterinary staff of non-compliances, and will be published on a quarterly basis.

About Food Standards Scotland

FSS is the public sector food body for Scotland and is here to ensure that information and advice on food safety and standards, nutrition and labelling is independent, consistent, evidence-based and consumer-focused.

FSS develops policies, provides policy advice to others, is a trusted source of advice for consumers and protects consumers through delivery of a robust regulatory and enforcement strategy.

Whilst Scottish Government is responsible for animal welfare legislation in Scotland, one of our key functions in FSS approved slaughterhouses is to ensure that animals are protected prior to and during slaughter and killing. We license slaughterers and animal handlers, make sure they are trained and competent, and enforce legislation.

For further information, please contact enquiries@fss.scot

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Incidents Occurring On Farm and During Transportation

Species	Date	Score	Non Compliance Group	Non Compliance Type	Non Compliance	Action	Date Inspected
Poultry 	02/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Catching damage	Trapped limbs/heads	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	02/04/2019
	05/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Foot Pad Dermatitis	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	05/04/2019
	14/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Foot Pad Dermatitis	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	15/04/2019
	22/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Foot Pad Dermatitis	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	25/04/2019
	24/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Foot Pad Dermatitis	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	24/05/2019
	25/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Foot Pad Dermatitis	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	08/05/2019
	26/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Foot Pad Dermatitis	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	24/05/2019
	27/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Catching damage	Trapped limbs/heads	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	07/05/2019
	28/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Foot Pad Dermatitis	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	08/05/2019
	30/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Catching damage	Trapped limbs/heads	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	30/04/2019
	01/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Foot Pad Dermatitis	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	24/05/2019
	26/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Catching damage	Trapped limbs/heads	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	28/05/2019

	08/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Catching damage	Trapped limbs/heads	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	10/06/2019
	08/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Foot Pad Dermatitis	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	10/06/2019
	20/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Catching damage	Trapped limbs/heads	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	23/06/2019
	24/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Catching damage	Trapped limbs/heads	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	27/06/2019
Cattle 	04/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	01/05/2019
	19/06/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	20/06/2019
	08/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Bruised	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	08/05/2019
	12/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Post-mortem findings	Post-mortem findings	Fractures	TS-Trading Standards informed	14/06/2019
	17/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	24/06/2019
	19/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Other	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	24/06/2019
	21/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Overgrown hoof	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	24/06/2019
	21/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Overgrown hoof	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	24/06/2019
	01/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	02/04/2019

	13/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	13/05/2019
	03/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Bruised	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	25/06/2019
	20/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	21/06/2019
	28/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	05/06/2019
	26/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	30/04/2019
	09/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	13/05/2019
	15/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	29/05/2019
	15/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Ingrown horn/s	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	29/05/2019
	11/06/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	17/06/2019
	14/06/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	14/06/2019
	09/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	21/06/2019

	15/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	21/06/2019
	13/06/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Wounds	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	25/06/2019
	10/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Other	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	15/04/2019
	23/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	23/04/2019
	08/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	08/04/2019
	09/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	09/04/2019
	14/06/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	16/06/2019
	30/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Other	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	10/06/2019
	09/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	21/05/2019
	27/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Ingrown horn/s	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	27/06/2019
Sheep	17/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Bruised	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	18/06/2019

	17/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Post-mortem findings	Post-mortem findings	Bruising	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	18/06/2019
	03/06/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	07/06/2019
	10/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Ingrown horn/s	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	17/06/2019
	14/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Ingrown horn/s	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	11/06/2019
	14/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	29/05/2019
	21/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	31/05/2019
	16/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	10/05/2019
	12/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	15/04/2019
	23/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Last stages of pregnancy	TS-Trading Standards informed	24/04/2019
	07/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	08/05/2019
Pigs 	15/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	On farm welfare	Welfare on farm	Other	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	17/04/2019
	22/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	25/04/2019
	08/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Broken leg	TS-Trading Standards informed	13/05/2019

	15/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	30/05/2019
	15/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	30/05/2019
	11/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Condition of the animals at unloading	Other	APHA-Animal Health Office informed	13/06/2019
	15/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Welfare on transport	Unloading facilities	Other	TS-Trading Standards informed	30/05/2019

Incidents in Slaughterhouses and Associated Plants

Species	Date	Score	Non Compliance Group	Non Compliance Type	Non Compliance	Action	Time Inspected
Cattle 	27/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Handling and restraint	Handling in race to stun pen	Long waiting times in the race	ENF – Enforcement verbal advice	24/06/2019
	27/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Stunning / killing	Standard operating procedures	Sops – Standard Operating Procedures for stunning/killing not in place	ENF – Enforcement verbal advice	24/06/2019
	07/06/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Stunning / killing	Standard operating procedures	Sops – Standard Operating Procedures for stunning/killing not in place	ENF – Enforcement written advice	24/06/2019
	14/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Bleeding	Stick to dressing time	Bleeding to dressing time too short	ENF – Enforcement written advice	16/05/2019
	23/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Captive bolt/concussion/free bullet	Effectiveness	Ineffective stun/signs of recovery after stunning	ENF- Enforcement written advice	19/06/2019
	23/04/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Stunning / killing	Standard operating procedures	Sops – Standard Operating Procedures for stunning/killing not in place	ENF – Enforcement written advice	19/06/2019
	13/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Lairage operation	Management of lairage	Other	ENF- Enforcement verbal advice	15/04/2019

	21/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Stunning / killing	Standard operating procedures	Other	ENF- Enforcement written advice	06/06/2019
Sheep 	21/05/2019	4 – Imminent Risk to animal welfare and evidence of pain and suffering	Lairage operation	Trained welfare personnel	Other	ENF - Enforcement Welfare Enforcement Notice	06/06/2019
Pigs 	09/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Lairage operation	Procedures for protecting animal welfare	Other	ENF - Enforcement verbal advice	10/04/2019
	21/05/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Lairage operation	Trained welfare personnel	Other	ENF - Enforcement written advice	22/05/2019
	11/06/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Lairage operation	Management of lairage	Other	Other	13/06/2019
	23/04/2019	3 – Potential Risk to animal welfare with no evidence of pain and suffering	Lairage operation	Provision of bedding	Insufficient bedding	ENF – Enforcement written advice	23/04/2019

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