

Risk Assessment – Dehorning Calves

Department:	LKL	Site:	Relief and Contract Farms
Assessor:	J Eastham	Assessment Date:	28/08/05
		Reassessed:	
Task description		Dehorning Calves	
Calves are caught, restrained and dehorned using dehorning equipment. The area is then treated with iodine or similar to prevent infection			
Personnel Affected:			
Stock person			
Potential Hazards:		Control Measures :	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoonoses transmitted from cows to human could cause a variety of conditions and diseases. 2. Crushing or kicking may cause injury. 3. Slips, trips and Falls around the area could cause injury. 4. The dehorning equipment could cause injury such as burns. 5. Skin irritation from chemicals and medicines used to treat the cattle. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wear PPE – (gloves) and wash hands regularly, especially prior to eating. All cuts and open wounds to be kept clean and dressed. Toilet and washing facilities to be available. Any specific infection known to the farmer should be reported to all persons involved in handling the cattle and further precautions taken if required. Annual testing of the herd. Good standard of hygiene maintained within the parlour. 2. All employees are experienced in dealing with cattle and carrying out dehorning. The dehorning equipment is to be kept in a good condition and well maintained. The calf is to be restrained and assistance is to be provided where required. 3. All milking personnel should wear sound Wellington boots with good tread. The area should be clean, clutter free and well maintained. 4. All personnel are experienced in dehorning calves. The animal should be restrained effectively and assistance provided. Appropriate PPE should be worn, including gloves. 5. COSHH assessments and data sheet to be available. Gloves to be worn when required. 	
Probability:		Severity:	
Certain: Could happen anytime	=4	Death	=4
Probable: Likely to happen	=3	Serious temporary injury	=3
Possible: May happen	=2	X Minor Injury	=2
Remote: Little or no chance of occurrence	=1	First Aid injury (small cuts, etc)	=1
		Risk Factor:	Residual Risk:
		Low: 1 to 3	4 – Med
		Medium: 4 to 7	
		High: 8 to 11	
		Very High: 12 to 16	
Action Required & Target Dates/Other Comments:			