SMR 9 WELFARE OF CALVES		WCA IW 2026	SMR 9
Inspecting Officer(s) Signature(s) & Code(s)	Date	Ver. 27/02/2026	
Applicants Name	Herd number	Weighting Options: See Manual)	Calves Weighting

Section 1 Staffing	**Control and Weighting**	
	1.1 Is there evidence that animals are not cared for by a sufficient number of competent staff?	
	Section Weighting	S1
Section 2 Inspections	**Control and Weighting**	
	2.1. Is there evidence that animals are not inspected at intervals in compliance with legislative requirements?	
	2.2. Is there evidence that animals that appear sick or injured are not cared for without delay as required by legislation?	
	Section Weighting	S2
Section 4 Freedom of Movement	**Control and Weighting**	
	4.1 Is there evidence of restrictions on the freedom of movement of animals contrary to legislative requirements?	
	4.2 Is there evidence of inadequate space for animal(s) to lie down at the same time?	
	4.3. Is there evidence of the use of tethers on calves contrary to legislative restrictions?	
	4.4 Is there evidence that calves are muzzled?	
	Section Weighting	S4
Section 5 Buildings, Accomm-odation Lighting	**Control and Weighting**	
	5.1. Is there evidence that the materials used in the accommodation and equipment are causing harm to animals and/or are not capable of being cleaned or disinfected?	
	5.2. Is there evidence that environmental conditions are such that they may cause harm to animals? (Refer to Manual)	
	5.3. Is there evidence that natural or artificial light provided for the animals is not in compliance with legislative requirements? (Refer to Manual)	
	5.5. Is there evidence that the level of cleaning and disinfecting of housing, equipment and utensils used for calves is not in compliance with legislation?	
	5.6. Is there evidence that the lying area for calves is not comfortable, clean and adequately drained and/or that the floor is adversely affecting calves?	
	5.7. Is there evidence that appropriate bedding has not been provided for calves less than two weeks old?	
	5.8. Is there evidence of calves being kept, without veterinary certification, in individual pens with solid walls, that prevents visual and/or physical contact with other calves?	
	5.9. * Is there evidence of calves greater than 8 weeks of age being confined to an individual pen without required veterinary certification?	
	5.10. Is there evidence of electrical circuits or equipment not installed so as to avoid electric shock to a calf?	
	Section Weighting	S5

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Section 6 Equipment	**Control and Weighting**		
	6.1. Is there evidence that automated or mechanical equipment or systems on which the health and well-being of animals is dependant, is not inspected at least once daily or is inadequately managed or maintained and where defects are discovered, that appropriate safeguards are not in place?		
	6.2. Where an artificial ventilation system is used, is there evidence of an inadequate backup system in the event of failure or that an alarm system has not been provided, maintained and regularly tested?		
	Section Weighting		S6
Section 7 Nutrition	**Control and Weighting**		
	7.1. Is there evidence that animals are not provided with an appropriate diet?		
	7.2. Is there evidence that animals do not have access to feed at intervals appropriate to their needs in compliance with the legislation?		
	7.3. Is there evidence that animals do not have access to a suitable water supply or other fluid source to satisfy their fluid intake needs, as required by legislation?		
	7.4. Is there evidence that each animal does not have access to food at the same time as others in a group where animals are not fed ad lib or by an automatic feeding system?		
	7.6. Is there evidence that feeding and/or watering equipment is not constructed, located or maintained so that contamination of food and water is minimised and harmful effects of competition minimised?.		
	Section Weighting		S7
	Total Weighting		

Note 1: An astericks (*) indicates that the check when applicable to calves, does not apply to a holding with less than six calves or to calves kept with their mother for suckling. **Note 2:** Extent, Severity, Permanence and / or intent should be considered where appropriate and recorded on the results worksheet.