



HORSE YARDS



Business Name & Address: _____ **Property Name/PIC:** _____

Audit Team: _____ **Audit Date:** ____/____/____

Description (structure type): _____ **GPS Ref./Location:** _____ **Asset ID # (if applicable)** _____

RISK CALCULATOR	LIKELIHOOD – The likelihood of the exposure causing injury to a person given the frequency of exposure				
	ALMOST CERTAIN <i>Is expected to occur in most circumstances</i>	LIKELY <i>Will probably occur in most circumstances</i>	POSSIBLE <i>Might occur at sometime</i>	UNLIKELY <i>Could occur at sometime</i>	RARE <i>May occur in exceptional circumstances</i>
CONSEQUENCES How severely could it hurt someone					
CATASTROPHIC <i>Death or permanent disability</i>	EXTREME	EXTREME	EXTREME	EXTREME	HIGH
MAJOR <i>Serious bodily injury</i>	EXTREME	EXTREME	EXTREME	HIGH	HIGH
MODERATE <i>Casualty Treatment</i>	EXTREME	HIGH	HIGH	MODERATE	MODERATE
MINOR <i>First aid only, no lost time</i>	HIGH	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	LOW
INSIGNIFICANT <i>No injuries</i>	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	LOW	LOW

RISK CLASS	ACTION REQUIRED
OK or Not Applicable	No Foreseeable Risk - OK for now; Review if any equipment/people/materials/work methods or procedures change. Or this particular inspection item is Not Applicable to this workplace
EXTREME	Extreme Risk - Act Now Do something about these risks immediately. Stop the task until the hazard is controlled and the risk managed.
HIGH	High Risk - Act As Soon As Possible. Do something to manage these risks as soon as possible. Consultant with Management
MODERATE	Moderate Risk - Develop a PLAN to manage these risks / note any suggestions on how the risk might be managed.
LOW	OK for now Review if any equipment/people/materials/work methods or procedures change.



IDENTIFIED HAZARDS	OK or NA	EXTREME (Act Now)	HIGH (Act ASAP)	MODERATE (Plan)	LOW (Review)
LOADING RACE AND RAMP					
1 Are the loading race and ramp gates sound, swung or slide easily and are capable of being secured in both open and closed positions?					
2 Is the race and ramp height, width and rail spacing appropriate for the stock being handled so that safe access to animals is allowed?					
3 Is the race and ramp sound and secure, with no projections or holes that pose trip, slip or fall hazards?					
4 Does the ramp have an apron of 1-1.5 m at the end to allow the opening and closing of horse float gates?					
5 Are gates, equipped with chains so they can be secured to the trailer, attached to both sides at the end of the ramp to prevent a horse escaping through the gap between the trailer and ramp?					

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6 Are the ramp and gate caps secure and at a safe working height so as not to interfere with handling operations?					
7 Are all sliding gates sound, easily operated, and capable of being secured so that they will not fly open if kicked or struck?					
8 Are there handles and guarding provided on sliding gates, so as to prevent the operators' hand entering any gaps between the slide gates and support posts, which could be nip or crush points?					
9 Is the loading ramp area designed so as to eliminate dust, slip, trip and fall hazards in the work area around the loading ramp?					
ROUND YARD					
10 Does the gate into the round yard swing easily and is it able to be quickly secured?					
11 Is the yard an appropriate size for the classes of stock being handled?					
12 Are there any projections, such as nails, Cobb& Co's or bolts, which may injure humans or animals?					
13 Are the yards clear of obstacles and are the surfaces suitable for working on foot so as not to pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
14 Are all exit gates of an appropriate size, sound, swing easily and can be secured properly?					
15 Are gate latches mounted at an appropriate height, of a design that doesn't create pinch or crush points and well maintained?					
HORSE WORKING ARENA					
16 Does the gate from the round yard swing easily and is it able to be quickly secured?					
17 Is the yard an appropriate size for the classes of stock being handled?					
18 Are there any projections, such as nails, Cobb& Co's or bolts, which may injure humans or animals?					
19 Are the yards clear of obstacles and are the surfaces suitable for working on foot so as not to pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
20 Are all exit gates of an appropriate size, sound, swing easily and can be secured properly?					
21 Are gate latches mounted at an appropriate height, of a design that doesn't create pinch or crush points and well maintained?					

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RECEIVING YARDS					
22 Is the Receiving yard clear of obstacles and the surface and terrain suitable for horse work?					
23 Is the receiving yard large enough for the number of horses to be handled?					
24 Are the yards sound, secure and capable of holding all classes of horses to be handled?					
25 Are all gates sound, swung clear of the ground and capable of being secured in both open and closed positions?					
26 Are gate latches mounted at an appropriate height, of a design that doesn't create pinch or crush points and well maintained?					
27 Are there any projections, such as nails, Cobb & Co's or bolts, which may injure humans or animals?					
28 Are there any dug out or boggy areas that might pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
HORSE WASH DOWN AREA					
29 Has a Safe Work Procedure (SWP) been developed to secure a horse to the wash down rail?					
30 Has a SWP been developed to remove saddles from horses?					
31 Are all workers aware of these Safe Work Procedures (SWP)?					
32 Is there non-slip flooring and foot ware used while washing down horses?					
33 Are there objects around the wash down area likely to cause slips, trips and falls?					
OTHER HAZARDS					
34 Are watering points and troughs in sound order and situated in a position where they do not pose a trip, slip or fall hazard?					
35 Are there dust control measures in place, including an adequate water supply for sprinkler or irrigation systems?					
36 Are water pipes buried, or placed overhead or along railing systems so as not to create a trip or impact hazard?					
37 Are cap rails, shade tree branches and structures at a safe height for riding or driving under?					

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38 Is there a first-aid kit provided for use at the Horse-yards when there is work being carried out?					
39 Where a Risk Assessment deems it necessary, has appropriate PPE been supplied for tasks such as shoeing, grooming and other horse handling activities?					
40 Are all staff instructed in the correct fitment and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that has been issued to them?					
41 Are mechanical lifting devices available for moving heavy objects (sick stock, 44's, fence posts)?					
42 Are veterinary drugs and medications, including those in cool storage, kept separate from human foodstuffs?					
43 Are there Safety Data Sheets (SDS) available for all Ag and Vet chemicals used on site?					
44 Have workers been made aware of the risks associated with zoonotic diseases; i.e. Hendra Virus, Leptospirosis, Q Fever, Tetanus etc... and are they vaccinated where appropriate?					
45 Are the yard power circuits, where applicable, protected by a residual current device (RCD)?					
46 Are portable RCD units available for use with electrical equipment when such equipment is not being used on a protected outlet?					
OTHER EMERGENT HAZARDS / ISSUES					

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT RECORD

HIERARCHY OF CONTROLS PLANNED OR IMPLEMENTED

Item #	Date	Identified Hazard	Assessed Risk Level	Control 1 Eliminate	Control 2 Substitute	Control 3 Isolate or Guard	Control 4 Redesign or Engineering	Control 5 Administration	Control 6 PPE

IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTROL SHEET						
Item #	RISK MANAGEMENT ACTION REQUIRED	Responsible Person	Cost \$	Target Date	Date Actioned	Revised Risk Level after Action