



Appendix A – Changes to LEAF Marque Standard (v16.1 to v17.0).

Changes since LEAF Marque Standard v16.1 have been made to the Control Points listed below.

v16.1 Control Point Number	v17.0 Control Point Number	Section	Change
-	-	General	<i>Updated control point numbers:</i> The control points in the v17.0 LEAF Marque Standard have been re-numbered. This table indicates which control points in v17.0 correspond to control points in v16.1.
-	-	General	<i>New control point categories:</i> The control point categories have changed from "Essential" and "Recommended" in v16.1, to "Core" and "Advanced" in v17.0. See Key for more information.
-	-	General	<i>New guidance column:</i> A guidance column has been added to the v17.0 Standard.
-	-	General	<i>New sub-sections:</i> Sections of the v17.0 Standard contain sub-sections to organise the requirements by topic.
1.1, 1.3	1.1.1	Business Planning and Resilience	Merged: Two control points from v16.1 have been merged in v17.0 to reduce duplication. Minor update to wording in the verification text.
1.2	1.2.1	Business Planning and Resilience	Updated text: Minor update to wording in the verification text to reduce duplication.
None	1.3.1	Business Planning and Resilience	New control point: Added a new control point that requires the business to demonstrate awareness of relevant legislation and how to comply.
1.14	1.4.1	Business Planning and Resilience	New requirements added: Control point now requires records to show the type and date of complaint, observations as to how complaint has arisen, and actions taken to resolve complaint.
1.6, 1.10, 1.11	1.5.1	Business Planning and Resilience	Merged / updated text: Three control points from v16.1 have been merged in v17.0 to reduce duplication and simplify the requirements. Updates include that the policy is signed and understood by senior management, instead of permanent staff (v16.1). The IFM Policy no longer needs to be communicated to 'relevant suppliers' (v16.1).
1.15	1.5.2	Business Planning and Resilience	Updated text / new requirement added: Minor updates to control point text for clarification. 1.5.2.c re-phrased to require awareness of improvements that have arisen as a result of the implementation



			of IFM. A requirement has been added to ensure staff and contractors have access to the LEAF Marque Standard (1.5.2.e).
8.5	1.5.3	Business Planning and Resilience	Upgraded / moved / updated text / new requirement added: Control point 8.5 in v16.1 has been moved from the Landscape and Biodiversity section to the Business Planning and Resilience section because it applies to the whole farm/business and should be accounted for in business planning and agreements. Control point has also been updated to specify that the business has is an agreement to require tenants/contractors to manage the land sustainably. Control point is now mandatory for LEAF Marque certification in v17.0.
None	1.5.4	Business Planning and Resilience	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to seek landowners with sustainability objectives.
1.12	1.5.5	Business Planning and Resilience	New requirements added: New requirement added to identify opportunities to use recycled/recyclable or biodegradable/compostable materials, or re-use materials.
1.17	1.6.1	Business Planning and Resilience	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
4.5	1.6.2	Business Planning and Resilience	Moved / updated text / new requirement added: The pollution risk assessment requirement has been moved to the Business Planning & Resilience section of the standard. Text has been updated to improve clarity. A requirement has been added that businesses demonstrate awareness of external sources of pollution.
1.24	1.6.3	Business Planning and Resilience	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity. The climate resilience requirement no longer must be evidenced through documentation, verbal discussion to demonstrate awareness is also acceptable.
None	1.6.4	Business Planning and Resilience	New control point: Control point added to encourage assessment of business resilience and ways to improve resilience.
2.1	2.1.1	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point / updated text / new requirement added: The v16.1 Soil Management Plan control point has been split into two control points in v17.0 (2.1.1 soil assessment and 2.1.2 soil management plan). A requirement has been added to identify soil degradation risks.
2.1	2.1.2	Soil and Substrate Management	Updated text / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. New requirements have been added related to managing peat soils and setting targets.



2.1	2.1.3	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added for businesses that do not grow in soil to carry out an assessment of substrate use. Some of the verification points were addressed previously within control point 2.1 in v16.1.
2.1	2.1.4	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added for relevance to businesses that do not grow in soil and to encourage sustainable management of growing media. Some of the verification points were addressed previously within control point 2.1 in v16.1.
2.3, 2.4	2.1.5	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point / merged/ updated text / new requirement added: The v16.1 integrated nutrient management plan has been split into two control points in v17.0 (2.1.5 and 2.1.6). Control point on trace element deficiencies has been merged with this control point. Text has been updated to improve clarity. A new requirement has been added to justify nutrient applications.
2.3, 4.2	2.1.6	Soil and Substrate Management	Updated text / merged / new requirements added: v16.1 manure management plan control point has been merged with the v17.0 integrated nutrient management plan control point to reduce duplication. Text has been updated to improve clarity. New requirements have been added regarding communication of the plan and identifying strategies to avoid excess nutrient application.
None	2.1.7	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to measures Nitrogen Use Efficiency where appropriate.
2.7	2.2.1	Soil and Substrate Management	Updated text / new requirements: Text has been updated to improve clarity. A requirement has been added to specify that strategies are implemented to prevent soil degradation.
2.2	2.2.2	Soil and Substrate Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
None	2.2.3	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to minimise soil disturbance where possible.
None	2.2.4	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to minimise bare ground where possible.
None	2.2.5	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to maintain living roots in the soil where possible.
None	2.2.6	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure businesses mitigate soil salinisation and its negative impacts on soil condition.



2.14	2.3.1	Soil and Substrate Management	Updated text / new requirement added: This control point now requires producers to measure soil health annually, to ensure businesses monitor the condition and health of their soil, and to inform soil management decisions.
2.2	2.3.2	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to measure Soil Organic Matter, where appropriate (this requirement was previously referenced in 2.2 in the v16.1 Standard).
None	2.3.3	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to measure Soil Organic Carbon, where appropriate.
None	2.4.1	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to transition away from using peat-based growing media.
None	2.4.2	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to source plants propagated in peat-free growing media where appropriate.
2.13, 5.5, 8.14	2.5.1	Soil and Substrate Management	Updated text / merged / new requirement added: Three control points have been merged in v17.0 to reduce duplication. Text has been updated to improve clarity. A new requirement has been added to prevent the application of nutrients to buffer zones, protected areas and habitat areas.
None	2.5.2	Soil and Substrate Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to implement precision techniques when applying nutrients.
4.4	2.5.3	Soil and Substrate Management	Moved / updated text: Control point 4.4 in v16.1 has been split into three control points in v17.0 to improve clarity.
2.9	2.5.4	Soil and Substrate Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
2.10	2.5.5	Soil and Substrate Management	Updated text / new requirement added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. A new requirement has been added for fertiliser applications to be in line with legislative requirements.
2.11	2.5.6	Soil and Substrate Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
2.6	3.1.1	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text / new requirement added: Text has been updated for improved clarity. A new requirement has been added to account for different factors when planning crop selection. Control point no longer requires a formalised written cropping plan.
None	3.1.2	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to carry out long-term crop and rotation planning where possible.
None	3.1.3	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to increase the diversity of crops / cover crops on farm.



None	3.1.4	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses that rent land to have an awareness of the wider crop rotation to improve the sustainability of land management.
3.1, 3.4	3.1.5	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text / merged / new requirement added: Plan is now called crop health and Integrated Pest Management Plan. v16.1 control point related to crop protection practice justification has been merged with the crop health and IPM plan control point. Text has been updated to improve clarity. A new requirement has been added for businesses to prioritise planning and decisions according to the hierarchy of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) pyramid.
None	3.1.6	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to assess and forecast future pest, weed and disease risks.
3.4	3.1.7	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to utilise decision support systems/tools to inform pest, weed and disease management where appropriate (this requirement was previously referenced in 3.4 in the v16.1 Standard).
3.3	3.2.1	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.5	3.3.1	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.7	3.3.2	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.2	3.3.3	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.10	3.3.4	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.18	3.3.5	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.17	3.3.6	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.



3.16	3.3.7	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.13, 3.14	3.3.8	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Merged: Two similar control points related to the qualifications of individuals recommending and applying PPPs have been merged to streamline the requirements.
3.6, 3.19	3.3.9	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Merged: Two similar control points related to the appropriate use of PPPs have been merged to streamline the requirements.
3.11	3.3.10	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.8	3.3.11	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.12	3.3.12	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.9, 8.14	3.3.13	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. Requirements have been added to prevent the application of PPPs to buffer zones, protected areas and habitat areas. A requirement from 8.14 in v16.1 has been moved to this control point - to ensure any application of PPPs to field margins or site boundaries is minimised and justified.
None	3.3.14	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to utilise precision application techniques.
None	3.3.15	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to utilise low-drift techniques.
3.20	3.3.16	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
3.21	3.3.17	Crop Health and Integrated Pest Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.



4.10	4.1.1	Waste and By-Product Management	Upgraded / updated text: Control point is now mandatory for LEAF Marque certification in v17.0. Text has been updated to improve clarity. “Waste audit” has changed to “waste and by-product assessment”.
None	4.1.2	Waste and By-Product Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to measure the quantity of waste/by-products produced on farm where appropriate.
4.11	4.1.3	Waste and By-Product Management	Upgraded / updated text: Control point is now mandatory for LEAF Marque certification in v17.0. Text has been updated to improve clarity, especially related to setting targets. “Waste audit action plan” has changed to “waste and by-product management plan”.
None	4.2.1	Waste and By-Product Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure businesses are managing food waste and food surplus on-farm.
None	4.2.2	Waste and By-Product Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to reuse or repurpose waste and by-products where possible.
None	4.2.3	Waste and By-Product Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure businesses are disposing of waste/by-products as a last resort after all other options to reuse or recycle are exhausted.
5.3, 5.4	4.3.1	Waste and By-Product Management	Merged/ updated text: Requirements related to the storage of organic waste and organic materials from two control points have been merged to reduce duplication. Text has been updated to improve clarity. 4.3.1.j now references 6 months of storage, instead of 4 months.
4.2	4.3.2	Waste and By-Product Management	Moved / new control point / new requirement added / updated text: A verification text requirement on land spreading of industrial waste has become its own separate control point in v17.0. A new requirement has been added to ensure applications of industrial waste are recorded. Text has been updated to improve clarity.
None	4.3.3	Waste and By-Product Management	New control point: Control point added to prevent pollution from routine burning or incineration of waste and by-products.
6.1, 6.2	5.1.1	Energy and GHG Emissions	Merged / new requirements added / updated text: Two control points related to energy use monitoring have merged to reduce duplication. New requirements have been added for businesses to assess the proportion of energy that is purchased versus generated and communicate assessment to relevant staff. Text has been updated to improve clarity. “Energy audit” has changed to “energy assessment” to prevent confusion as this exercise can be carried out internally by the business. The minimum required frequency of energy use monitoring has changed from quarterly to annually.



6.3	5.1.2	Energy and GHG Emissions	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity, the focus of the control point is specifically on monitoring GHG emissions from energy use.
6.4	5.1.3	Energy and GHG Emissions	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity, including setting targets. “Energy action plan” has changed to “energy management plan”.
6.5	5.1.4	Energy and GHG Emissions	Updated text / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. New requirements have been added for businesses to justify the carbon footprint tool used and to use results to inform strategies to reduce emissions and capture and retain carbon on-farm. 5.1.4.f now references nutrient applications too.
4.3	5.2.1	Energy and GHG Emissions	Moved / updated text: This control point has been moved to the Energy & Emissions section due to its focus on fuel. The bunding of mobile fuel tanks requirement is now covered under point iii 'Fuel oils are stored in either a fuel storage tank or within a bunded storage area'. Text has been updated to improve clarity.
None	5.3.1	Energy and GHG Emissions	New control point: Control point added to ensure businesses are aware of the potential types and sources of GHG emissions on farm.
None	5.3.2	Energy and GHG Emissions	New control point: Control point added to for businesses to implement strategies to mitigate/minimise GHG emissions from energy use.
None	5.3.3	Energy and GHG Emissions	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to implement strategies to mitigate/minimise GHG emissions from nutrient applications.
6.3	5.3.4	Energy and GHG Emissions	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to implement strategies to mitigate/minimise GHG emissions from livestock systems (this requirement was previously referenced in 6.3 in the v16.1 Standard).
2.2	5.4.1	Energy and GHG Emissions	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to implement strategies to capture and retain carbon on farm (this requirement was previously referenced in 2.2 in the v16.1 Standard).
7.1, 7.6, 4.8	6.1.1	Water Management	New control point / merged / upgraded / updated text / new requirements added: The v16.1 Water Management Plan control point has been split into two control points in v17.0 (6.1.1 water assessment and 6.1.3 water management plan). The drainage map required in v16.1 can be integrated with the water map. The requirement to justify water sources has been merged into the water assessment control point and is now mandatory for LEAF Marque certification for v17.0. Text has been updated to improve clarity. Additional requirements have been added for businesses to measure the quantity of water used annually, identify the types of wastewater produced on-farm, measure the quantity of wastewater discharged, and demonstrate awareness of key stakeholders and initiatives working to improve water stewardship in the catchment.
7.3, 7.4	6.1.2	Water Management	Merged / updated text: Two control points related to water use efficiency have been merged to reduce duplication and streamline the requirements. Text has been updated to improve clarity.



7.1	6.1.3	Water Management	Updated text / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity, including setting targets. New requirements have been added for businesses to have strategies to manage flood/drought and wastewater, set targets to increase/optimize proportion of reused water and rainwater, and record information about the business' participation in collaboration/collective action in the catchment.
None	6.2.1	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure businesses are inspecting water outlets/storage/irrigation equipment for leaks and damage to prevent water loss.
None	6.2.2	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to reuse water where possible.
None	6.2.3	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to implement a closed-loop irrigation system where appropriate.
None	6.2.4	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to collect and use rainwater where possible.
None	6.2.5	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to store rainwater where possible.
None	6.2.6	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure groundwater and surface water abstraction and use is legal and responsible.
None	6.2.7	Water Management	New control point: Control point added about avoiding use of fossil water.
None	6.3.1	Water Management	New control point: Control point added for businesses to have 2-metre buffer zones around waterbodies to prevent water pollution.
None	6.3.2	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to implement 6-10 metre buffer zones around water bodies where possible.
None	6.3.3	Water Management	New control point: Control point added for businesses to prevent soil/silt from running off into waterbodies.
None	6.3.4	Water Management	New control point: Control point added for businesses to prevent nutrient runoff and leaching into waterbodies and groundwater.
5.5	6.3.5	Water Management	Moved / updated text / new requirement added: This control point has been moved to the water management section from the animal husbandry/livestock section. All references to silage effluent have been moved to a silage and silage effluent focused control point in the livestock section (9.4.1). Text has been updated to improve clarity. A requirement has been added to specify that storage facilities are managed to prevent overspill and pollution.



None	6.3.6	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to prevent wastewater discharge and applications to land from polluting waterbodies.
None	6.3.7	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to restrict livestock from entering waterbodies and causing contamination where possible.
None	6.3.8	Water Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to provide livestock drinking water points that are located away from waterbodies.
7.7	6.4.1	Water Management	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity. Water quality must be monitored at least annually instead of quarterly or at a frequency justified by the business. Further, the monitoring method and monitoring frequency must be justified.
8.1, 8.2	7.1.1	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text / moved / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. “Landscape and nature conservation audit” has changed to “landscape and biodiversity assessment”. The term “specialist advisor” has changed to “an individual with appropriate expertise” to improve clarity, though the same definition still applies (see guidance). The requirement to identify key species has been moved from the landscape and biodiversity plan (Landscape and Nature Conservation and Enhancement Plan in v16.1) to the landscape and biodiversity assessment. There is a new requirement to identify any locations inhabited by key/protected species on the map. There is a new specification that one of the four key species identified must be a pollinator. A new requirement has been added to communicate the assessment to relevant staff. A new requirement has been added for businesses renting land for less than 3 years – they must demonstrate awareness of biodiversity on-site.
8.2, 8.3, 8.7, 8.25	7.1.2	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text / merged / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. “Landscape and nature conservation and enhancement plan” has changed to “landscape and biodiversity plan”. The term “specialist advisor” has changed to “an individual with appropriate expertise” to improve clarity, though the same definition still applies (see guidance). Requirements have been moved to this control point to reduce duplication (communicating the plan to relevant staff and contractors, supporting pollinators, strategies to protect and enhance habitats). The plan requirements now reference strategies to support pollinators, and where appropriate manage invasive species, create additional habitat, restore habitats/ecosystems, and describe how wildlife is being managed.
8.21	7.1.3	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text: Minor updates to text to improve clarity.
8.4	7.1.4	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.



None	7.1.5	Landscape and Biodiversity	New control point: Control point added to encourage collaboration with landlords to enhance habitats and biodiversity.
8.18	7.2.1	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text / new requirement added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. A requirement has been added to record how damage was caused, the type of damage and date of occurrence.
8.29	7.2.2	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity.
8.28	7.2.3	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text / new requirement added: Control point 8.28 in v16.1 about ecosystem conversion has been separated into two control points in v17.0 (7.2.3 and 7.2.4). Text has been updated to improve clarity. A new requirement has been added to prevent the conversion of peatland into agricultural use from the 5 May 2026.
8.28	7.2.4	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text / new requirement added: Control point 8.28 in v16.1 about ecosystem conversion has been separated into two control points in v17.0 (7.2.3 and 7.2.4). Text has been updated to improve clarity. A new requirement has been added to record strategies implemented to add habitat elsewhere on site where possible.
None	7.2.5	Landscape and Biodiversity	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to participate in the restoration of habitats/ecosystems where appropriate.
8.10, 8.11	7.2.6	Landscape and Biodiversity	Merged / updated text / new requirements added: Two control points have been merged related to tree/hedgerow retention and removals. Text has been updated to improve clarity. New requirements have been added, where trees are removed, to demonstrate the reason for tree removal, approval from landlord on rented land, and reference the removal of trees and subsequent plan for the area in the landscape and biodiversity map/plan.
8.12	7.2.7	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text: Text has been updated to improve clarity, especially clarifying the focus of the control point is related to in-field trees. Reference to a 2-metre margin has been removed to reduce duplication as this is addressed in control point 7.3.6.
8.9	7.2.8	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text / new requirement added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. A requirement has been added to implement strategies to promote biodiversity in areas surrounding waterbodies/buffer zones.
8.7	7.3.1	Landscape and Biodiversity	New control point: Control point has been added requiring businesses to have 5% habitat area on-farm. Control point also incorporates elements from a v16.1 requirement to protect and enhance habitat area.
8.23, 8.26, 8.7	7.3.2	Landscape and Biodiversity	Merged / updated text / new requirement added: Two control points have been merged to streamline the requirements. Control point also incorporates elements from a v16.1 requirement to protect and enhance habitat area. Text has been updated to improve clarity. A requirement has been added to implement strategies to protect and enhance the quality of habitat area.



None	7.3.3	Landscape and Biodiversity	New control point: Control point added to encourage the implementation of strategies to improve habitat connectivity.
8.20, 8.24, 5.2	7.3.4	Landscape and Biodiversity	Merged / updated text: Three control points have been merged to reduce duplication and streamline the requirements. Text has been updated to improve clarity.
8.16	7.3.5	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. New requirements have been added to use native species/species appropriate to the local ecosystem when planting other vegetation for habitat and to record details about the purchase and planting of new trees.
8.14	7.3.6	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text / new requirement added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. A new requirement has been added to provide justification where cutting is required for access or health and safety reasons.
None	7.3.7	Landscape and Biodiversity	New control point: Control point added to ensure compliance with any local and national legislation regarding the management of invasive species.
None	7.3.8	Landscape and Biodiversity	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to implement strategies to manage and control the spread of invasive species.
8.27	7.4.1	Landscape and Biodiversity	Updated text / new requirement added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. A requirement has been added to specify that monitoring must be carried out at least annually.
None	7.4.2	Landscape and Biodiversity	New control point: Control point added to encourage businesses to monitor four or more species on-farm where appropriate.
9.4	8.1.1	Engaging Society	Updated text / new requirement added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. A new option has been added requiring businesses to carry out an additional knowledge exchange activity (8.2.1) where it is not appropriate to carry out a community engagement activity.
None	8.2.1	Engaging Society	New control point: Control point added for businesses to participate in a knowledge exchange activity.
1.22, 1.23	8.3.1	Engaging Society	Moved / merged / updated text / new requirement added: Two control points related to collaboration and collective action have been merged to streamline the requirements. This control point has been moved to the Engaging Society section. Text has been updated to improve clarity. A requirement has been added to document information about the collaboration/collective action.
5.8	9.1.1	Livestock Management	Updated text / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. The type of veterinary professional is now specified as “veterinary surgeon”. Additional criteria have been added specifying what the annual vet visit and review must include.
5.7	9.1.2	Livestock Management	Updated text / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. Additional requirements have been added to include the protocol of quarantine when bringing new animals into



			the holding, identify strategies to minimise antibiotic/anthelmintic use and communicate the plan to relevant staff.
None	9.1.3	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure the stocking density and number of animals is appropriate for the farm system.
5.12	9.1.4	Livestock Management	Updated text / new requirement added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. “Animal feed audit” has changed to “feed assessment”. A requirement has been added to communicate the assessment to relevant staff.
5.13	9.1.5	Livestock Management	Updated text / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. “Animal feed action plan” has changed to “feed management plan”. Requirements have been added specifying strategies to maximise home-grown feed, utilise food/crop waste/by-products as feed, and optimise nutrition. Additional requirements have been added specifying targets to transition to deforestation-free soy/palm ingredients and soy/palm free feed where appropriate. A requirement has been added to communicate the assessment to relevant staff.
None	9.1.6	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure businesses have emergency and contingency planning in place.
None	9.2.1	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure businesses select species/breeds that are appropriate to the farm system in terms of adaptability to microclimate, endurance, etc.
None	9.2.2	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure the impacts of extreme weather/temperature are considered and management is adjusted accordingly.
None	9.2.3	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure antibiotic and anthelmintic use is minimised.
None	9.3.1	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added for buildings that house livestock to be optimised for the local climate.
None	9.3.2	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage the use of sustainable/recycled materials for bedding.
4.4	9.3.3	Livestock Management	Moved / updated text: Control point 4.4 in v16.1 has been split into three control points in v17.0 to improve clarity.
None	9.3.4	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to ensure drinking water systems are efficient and checked for damage and leaks.
5.3	9.4.1	Livestock Management	Moved / updated text / new requirement added: Requirements related to silage and silage effluent storage have been moved into a separate control point (requirements about organic waste storage are now in a separate control point). Text has been updated to improve clarity. A new requirement clarifies that silage stores are designed/constructed and managed to prevent pollution, especially from drainage and run-off.



5.1	9.5.1	Livestock Management	Updated text / new requirements added: Text has been updated to improve clarity. Requirements have been added to specify additional grazing/foraging management strategies, that grazing/foraging conditions are monitored, and that grazing/foraging is planned on an annual basis.
None	9.5.2	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage the implementation of rotational grazing/foraging.
None	9.5.3	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage greater diversity in grazing areas.
None	9.5.4	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage incorporation of livestock grazing/foraging into crop rotations where appropriate.
None	9.5.5	Livestock Management	New control point: Control point added to encourage the implementation of silvopastoral/agroforestry systems where appropriate.