



## Appendix DP.5

### Assessment of Suitability of New Sites

When a new site, either land for outdoor stock or a building, is introduced to a production system it is recommended that producers assess its suitability before bringing it into use. The assessment should consider whether any measures should be taken to minimise any food safety (residues) or animal health and welfare problems before the 'site' is used.

#### Points to consider:

- How has the land or building been used before?
- Has the land had any recent applications of:
  - Herbicides or pesticides?
  - Slurry or manure (especially from other species)?
  - Poultry litter?
  - Sewage sludge?
  - Abattoir waste?
  - Compost?
- Is the area or the buildings free from any physical hazards (for example old machinery, vehicle batteries, sharp edges, etc)?
- Is the land free of noxious weeds?
- Are there any known or likely health & disease risks from previous stock (for example parasites)?