Risk Assessment – Calving cows

Department:			LKL			Site:	Relief and Contract Farms	
Assessor:	J Eastham			Assessment Date: Reassessed:	28/08/05			
Task description						Calving of dairy cows		
Personnel Affected: Stock person								
Potential Hazards:						Control Measures :		
1. Zoonoses transmitted from splashing of dung and urine during calving 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 calving area could cause injury. 4. Calving the cow could cause strain/injury to the back. 5. Skin irritation from chemicals and medicines used to treat the cattle.						 Wear PPE, (arm length gloves). Wash hands after calving. Wash clothing and disinfect equipment after use. All employees are experienced in dealing with cattle and calving dairy cows and the hazards involved with handling cattle with new born calves. All milking personnel should wear sound Wellington boots with good tread. The calving box / area should be clean, clutter free and well maintained. Ideally there should be segregation between the calving cow and other animals. Calving aid to be used where possible and assistance to be on hand if required. Employees are experienced in calving cattle. COSHH assessments and data sheet to be available. Gloves to be worn when required. 		
Probability:			Severity:			Risk Factor:	Residual Risk:	
Certain: Could happen anytime	=4		Death	=4		Low: 1 to 3	9 – High	
Probable: Likely to happen	=3	Х	Serious temporary injury	=3	X	Medium: 4 to 7		
Possible: May happen Remote: Little or no	=2		Minor Injury First Aid injury	=2		High: 8 to 11		
chance of occurrence	=1		(small cuts, etc)	=1		Very High: 12 to 16		
Action Required & Target Dates/Other Comments:								