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### Animal Welfare Checklist

#### Cattle - Dairy

Name of Farm: SWARTWATER PLAS

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Owner: J.K. BOSSON

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Name of Dairy: OCEAN BREEZE HOLSTEIN

Marketing Name: /

GPS Co-ordinates: /

Directions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 28/4/22

Time arrived 09h20

Time departed 10h30

|            |                                                                                             | Satisfactory |    | Comments        |
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|            |                                                                                             | Yes          | No |                 |
| <b>1.</b>  | <b>Initial observations</b>                                                                 |              |    |                 |
| 1.1        | Are emergency contacts available on entry to the property?                                  | yes          |    |                 |
| 1.2        | Are personnel properly trained to handle cattle?                                            | yes          |    |                 |
| 1.3        | Is there a Disaster Management Plan in place?                                               | yes          |    |                 |
| 1.4        | Are personnel familiar with disaster plans?                                                 | yes          |    |                 |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>Calves</b>                                                                               |              |    |                 |
| <b>2.1</b> | <b>Pens/shelter</b>                                                                         |              |    |                 |
| 2.1.1      | Are pens/shelters constructed to avoid injuries to calves?                                  | yes          |    |                 |
| 2.1.2      | Are pens/shelters draught free and provided adequate protection against inclement weather?  | yes          |    |                 |
| 2.1.3      | Does the size of the pen/shelter allow calves to stand, lie down and turn around with ease? | yes          |    |                 |
| 2.1.4      | Is bedding provided? If yes, what type?                                                     | yes          |    |                 |
| 2.1.5      | How often are pens cleaned?                                                                 |              |    | 2 times per day |
| 2.1.6      | Are pens thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to housing new born calf?                 | yes          |    |                 |
| 2.1.7      | Is flooring constructed and maintained to avoid any injuries to calves?                     | yes          |    |                 |
| 2.1.8      | Are calves housed individually?                                                             | yes          |    |                 |
| 2.1.9      | Are calf pens arranged so that calves can see and hear each other?                          | yes          |    |                 |
| 2.1.10     | Are calves housed in groups? If so, how many per group?                                     |              | No |                 |

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|            |                                                                                                             | Yes          | No |                      |
| 2.1.11     | Are calves housed indoors and if so does lighting allow for animals to be inspected?                        | yes          |    |                      |
| 2.1.12     | Is lighting too bright as to cause discomfort to animals?                                                   |              | NO |                      |
| 2.1.13     | What is the lighting period?                                                                                |              |    |                      |
| 2.1.14     | Is ventilation sufficient to remove toxic gases and dust?                                                   | yes          |    |                      |
| 2.1.15     | Does ventilation maintain airflow without causing draughts?                                                 | yes          |    |                      |
| 2.1.16     | Are calves tethered or chained? If so, please describe.                                                     |              | No |                      |
|            |                                                                                                             |              |    |                      |
| <b>2.2</b> | <b>Food/water</b>                                                                                           |              |    |                      |
|            |                                                                                                             |              |    |                      |
| 2.2.1      | At what age are calves removed from their dams?                                                             |              |    | 1 day                |
| 2.2.2      | For how long after birth are calves fed colostrum?                                                          |              |    | 2 days               |
| 2.2.3      | In how many feeds is colostrum administered?                                                                |              |    | 4                    |
| 2.2.4      | If suckling is not possible how much colostrum is given to calves via a stomach tube and in how many feeds? |              |    | 41 ... first hour    |
| 2.2.5      | Are calves bucket fed?                                                                                      | yes          |    |                      |
| 2.2.6      | Are buckets clean?                                                                                          | yes          |    |                      |
| 2.2.7      | Are calves bottle fed?                                                                                      | yes          |    |                      |
| 2.2.8      | Are bottles and teats clean?                                                                                | yes          |    |                      |
| 2.2.9      | Are calves given milk substitute?                                                                           | yes          |    |                      |
| 2.2.10     | Are calves given cow's milk?                                                                                |              | No |                      |
| 2.2.11     | How many times a day are calves given milk?                                                                 |              |    | 2 times              |
| 2.2.12     | How much milk is given per feed?                                                                            |              |    | 3L morning & evening |
| 2.2.13     | At what temperature is milk fed?                                                                            |              |    | 41 degrees           |
| 2.2.14     | At what age are calves given concentrates?                                                                  |              |    | day 1                |

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|          |                                                                                                                | Yes          | No |                                               |
| 2.2.15   | At what age are calves provided with water?                                                                    |              |    | 1 day                                         |
| 2.2.16   | Is roughage provided?                                                                                          | yes          |    |                                               |
| 2.2.17   | If calves are in groups is there a system in place to ensure that they are all able to drink at the same time? |              |    |                                               |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Adult cattle</b>                                                                                            |              |    |                                               |
|          |                                                                                                                |              |    |                                               |
|          | <b>Food / water</b>                                                                                            |              |    |                                               |
|          |                                                                                                                |              |    |                                               |
| 3.1      | Is grazing available and is it adequate?                                                                       |              | No |                                               |
| 3.2      | Type of feed in addition to grazing?                                                                           |              |    | Pemix from road, lucerne hay, kenans          |
| 3.3      | Is supplementation provided?                                                                                   | yes          |    |                                               |
| 3.4      | Is water provided?                                                                                             | yes          |    |                                               |
| 3.5      | Are troughs/containers clean?                                                                                  | yes          |    |                                               |
| 3.6      | Are troughs/containers situated so that smallest animal can drink?                                             | yes          |    |                                               |
| 3.7      | Are troughs situated to prevent faecal soiling?                                                                | yes          |    |                                               |
| 3.8      | Can all cattle drink at once?                                                                                  | yes          |    |                                               |
| 3.9      | Is any shade or shelter provided for adult cattle?                                                             | yes          |    |                                               |
| 3.10     | Are shelters designed to avoid injury to cattle?                                                               | yes          |    |                                               |
| 3.11     | Does shelter provide protection against inclement weather?                                                     | yes          |    |                                               |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Milking</b>                                                                                                 |              |    |                                               |
|          |                                                                                                                |              |    |                                               |
| 4.1      | At what times are cows milked?                                                                                 |              |    | Am - 4 - 8<br>Pm - 12h30, 15h30, 18h00, 21h30 |
| 4.2      | Do cows have access to food whilst waiting to be milked?                                                       | yes          |    |                                               |
| 4.3      | Do cows have access to water whilst waiting to be milked?                                                      | yes          |    |                                               |
| 4.4      | Do cows have access to shelter whilst waiting to be milked?                                                    | yes          |    |                                               |

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|          |                                                                               | Yes          | No |                                   |
| 4.5      | Are cows handled humanely during milking process?                             | yes          |    |                                   |
| 4.6      | Is milk checked to ensure mastitis is not present?                            | yes          |    |                                   |
| 4.7      | How are udders cleaned prior to milking?                                      |              |    | Clean bedding wet wipes           |
| 4.8      | How are udders cleaned after milking?                                         |              |    | Wet wipes.                        |
| 4.9      | Are all quarters milked thoroughly?                                           | yes          |    |                                   |
| 4.10     | What type of equipment is used?                                               |              |    | White Cato                        |
| 4.11     | Is equipment well maintained?                                                 | yes          |    |                                   |
| 4.12     | Are nipples well maintained?                                                  | yes          |    |                                   |
| 4.13     | Is floor non slip?                                                            | yes          |    |                                   |
| 4.14     | Are lactating cows milked prior to removal for transportation or sale?        | yes          |    |                                   |
|          |                                                                               |              |    |                                   |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Health</b>                                                                 |              |    |                                   |
|          |                                                                               |              |    |                                   |
| 5.1      | Are routine inoculations and parasite control administered?                   | yes          |    |                                   |
| 5.2      | Are personnel involved in the administration of medicines competent to do so? | yes          |    |                                   |
| 5.3      | Are cattle checked daily for sickness/injury?                                 | yes          |    |                                   |
| 5.4      | Are sick/injured cattle isolated and treated promptly?                        | yes          |    |                                   |
| 5.6      | Are isolation facilities available?                                           | yes          |    |                                   |
| 5.7      | Do isolation facilities provide food, water and shelter?                      | yes          |    |                                   |
| 5.8      | What is the mortality rate?                                                   | none         |    |                                   |
| 5.9      | Are mortalities removed promptly?                                             | yes          |    |                                   |
| 5.10     | Is emergency slaughter performed where necessary?                             | yes          |    | Describe method<br>Shoot with gun |
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|          |                                                                                | Yes          | No |             |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Handling</b>                                                                |              |    |             |
| 6.1      | Are personnel trained to handle livestock?                                     | yes          |    |             |
| 6.2      | Is suitable handling equipment available?                                      | yes          |    |             |
| 6.3      | Are cattle left unattended in crushes or any other restraining equipment?      |              | NO |             |
| 6.4      | Are cattle handled humanely?                                                   | yes          |    |             |
| 6.5      | Is an electric prod used?                                                      |              | NO |             |
| 6.6      | If electric prodders are used are they applied to face, anal or genital areas? |              |    |             |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Surgical / Routine Procedures</b>                                           |              |    |             |
| 7.1      | Under whose instruction are surgical procedures performed?                     |              |    | vet         |
| 7.2      | Is castration performed?                                                       |              | NO |             |
| 7.3      | What method of castration is performed?                                        | /            | /  |             |
| 7.4      | Is tail amputation procedures done and if so, how is it done?                  |              | NO |             |
| 7.5      | Are nose rings used on bulls?                                                  |              | NO |             |
| 7.6      | Are nose rings smooth and well fitting?                                        | /            | /  |             |
| 7.7      | How long are cows in difficult birth left before help is sought?               |              |    | Immediately |
| 7.8      | Is calving induced and if so by whom?                                          |              |    | yes workers |
| 7.9      | How often are cows checked after being induced?                                |              |    | Every hour  |
| 7.10     | How often are hooves checked?                                                  |              |    | 2 weeks     |
| 7.11     | Is dehorning/disbudding performed and if so by whom?                           | yes          |    |             |
| 7.12     | Describe method of dehorning/disbudding?                                       |              |    | Grass       |
| 7.13     | Is analgesia or anesthesia administered during routine procedures?             | yes          |    |             |

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Veterinary Details:-

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General comments:

There are ± 500 cows. The cows are in  
a fair condition. Water and shelter available  
for the cows. Calves are kept alone  
in camps that is under a roof. The  
areas where cows and calves are kept  
is hygienically clean.

Warning issued? \_\_\_\_\_

Photos taken? \_\_\_\_\_

Manager / Responsible person (Name & surname) CHRISTO VAN RENSBURG

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Signature: 

Inspector (Name & surname): Stephanie Sertwijn

Society: Swatland