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S11.1	Stock unit	Amend	<p>This stock unit list needs to specifically include the typical types of animals small block farms tend to run. The relevance of this is that these animals are typically significantly smaller and weigh less than regular farm animals on commercial sheep, beef and dairy farms which is how the stock units proposed in the definition have been derived.</p> <p>The feed requirements of smaller animals (and their subsequent liquid and solid waste output) is determined by their weight and their purpose eg they may be for breeding or for fattening. Due to the newness of these proposed regulations there is no official stock unit calculation for small animals that I can find however, breed societies are aware of the issue and at this stage recommend regional councils use a weight range calculation for equivalent stock units so that smaller animals can be accounted for.</p> <p>Examples of small block farm animals are: Smaller breed beef cattle eg Highland cattle, Galloway cattle, Dexter cattle; All miniature cattle; Miniature horses; Heritage pigs; Kunekune pigs; Small breed sheep; Miniature goats; Alpaca, Llama etc etc</p>	<p>Smaller animals weigh less, eat less feed and drink less water and are significantly lighter on the land in all ways than regular sized farm animals.</p> <p>They are not comparable to a regular sized farm animal in term of a stock unit.</p> <p>We have over 20 years of experience running Highland cattle. These are a smaller beef cattle and compared to eg Angus beef cattle, Highlands weigh in at approximately half the body weight. Their calves are born tiny and grow more slowly than regular cattle, taking three to four years to reach adult weight.</p> <p>They cannot be directly compared. If we ran our Highlands to the beef cattle stocking rate of 12 stock units per hectare we would have to mow our paddocks to control the grass.</p> <p>Miniature cows are even smaller.</p> <p>We would recommend that including all these smaller breeds as stock units in the definition perhaps by providing alternative weight ranges, will be much more accurate for the purposes of this proposal, particularly for 4-20ha farms.</p>

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