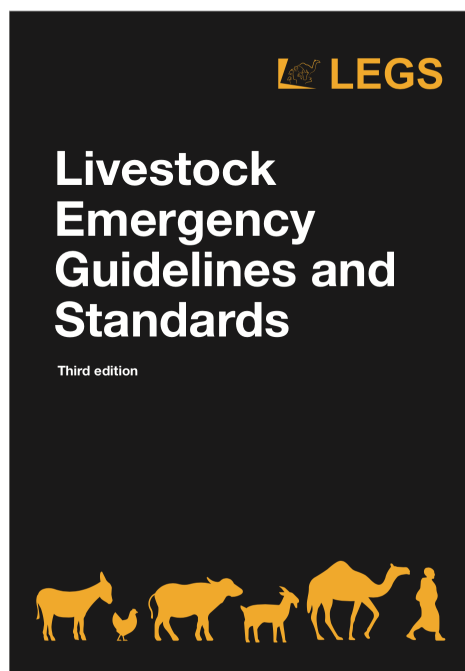




# LEGS 3<sup>rd</sup> edition: Public Consultation and how to participate



**Consultation Guidance Note**  
August 2022

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## INTRODUCTION

This Consultation Guidance Note presents information on the LEGS Handbook revision process and details of how to provide feedback on the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition draft using the online platform at:

<https://handbook-legs.rivervalley.io>.

The information in this Note is based on a short video which is available on the LEGS website:

[www.livestock-emergency.net](http://www.livestock-emergency.net).

If you have possible material for relevant case studies, after having reviewed the consultation version of the Handbook, please send your suggestions in a short paragraph to: [info@livestock-emergency.net](mailto:info@livestock-emergency.net).

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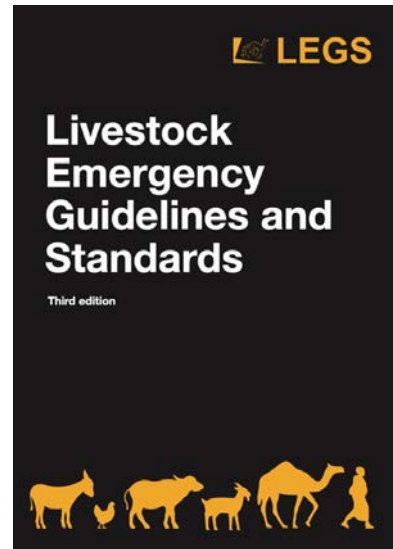
*Livelihoods-based livestock interventions in disasters*

# What this video covers

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1. Introduction to LEGS and the Handbook revision process
2. What's new in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of LEGS
3. Introduction to the public consultation
4. How to create an online account and submit your comments
5. Next steps



In this video we introduce you to the new third edition of the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards handbook and explain what has been revised since the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

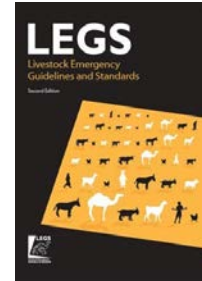
We also explain the public consultation process, and how you can provide us with comments on the revised text using the interactive handbook site.

We will also explain what happens next.

# What is LEGS?



- International standards
- Improving the quality of livestock interventions
- Designed for humanitarian context
- Draws on experience of Sphere standards
- Process to design and implement emergency responses



The Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards is better known as LEGS. The LEGS handbook is a set of international standards and guidelines that can be used when responding to humanitarian emergencies that are impacting livestock-keeping communities. The handbook helps you design and then implement the most appropriate responses.



LEGS produces range of other resources – including discussion papers and tools - as well as the Handbook which is published in four languages. Please see our website to download or order these resources.

## LEGS Handbook revision process




- Feedback provided on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition
- Review by LEGS Advisory Group
- Drafting of 3<sup>rd</sup> edition
- **Consultation Version posted online for comment**
- Finalization of text
- Publication in early 2023
- French, Spanish and Arabic publication in mid-2023




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Before producing this 3<sup>rd</sup> edition there has been an extensive review of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, and many of you have contributed feedback through an online survey and regional consultation workshops. All these contributions were reviewed by the LEGS Technical Advisory Group. We have made significant revisions and are now posting it online for you to provide feedback before it's translated and published. After the consultation, we will review all the comments and finalize the text, ready for publication in early 2023 – in both hard copy and online. The handbook will also be published in French, Spanish and Arabic in mid-2023.



## LEGS and the HSP



- LEGS is a member of the Humanitarian Standards Partnership (HSP)
- Commitment to broad consultation
- Current HSP members:
  - ✓ Sphere – humanitarian charter and humanitarian response
  - ✓ MiSMA – market analysis
  - ✓ CPMS – child protection
  - ✓ MERS – economic recovery
  - ✓ INEE – education in emergencies
  - ✓ HIS – inclusion of older people/ with disabilities
  - ✓ CMS – camp management



LEGS is a member of the Humanitarian Standards Partnership. All members of the HSP commit to broad public consultation processes to help ensure that the standards for their relevant sectors are widely applicable and useful. These are the other current members of the HSP.







# What's new in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition?



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## LEGS framework

 How to use this handbook	 Chapter 1: Introduction to the LEGS approach	 Chapter 2: LEGS foundations and principles	 Chapter 3: Emergency response planning
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## Technical standards

 Chapter 4: Technical standards for destocking	 Chapter 5: Technical standards for veterinary support	 Chapter 6: Technical standards for livestock feed
 Chapter 7: Technical standards for water	 Chapter 8: Technical standards for livestock shelter and settlement	 Chapter 9: Technical standards for provision of livestock

- Chapter 1: rewritten
- Chapter 2: LEGS Principles
- Chapter 3: 4 stages to align with LEGS training
- Chapters 4-9: updated and improved

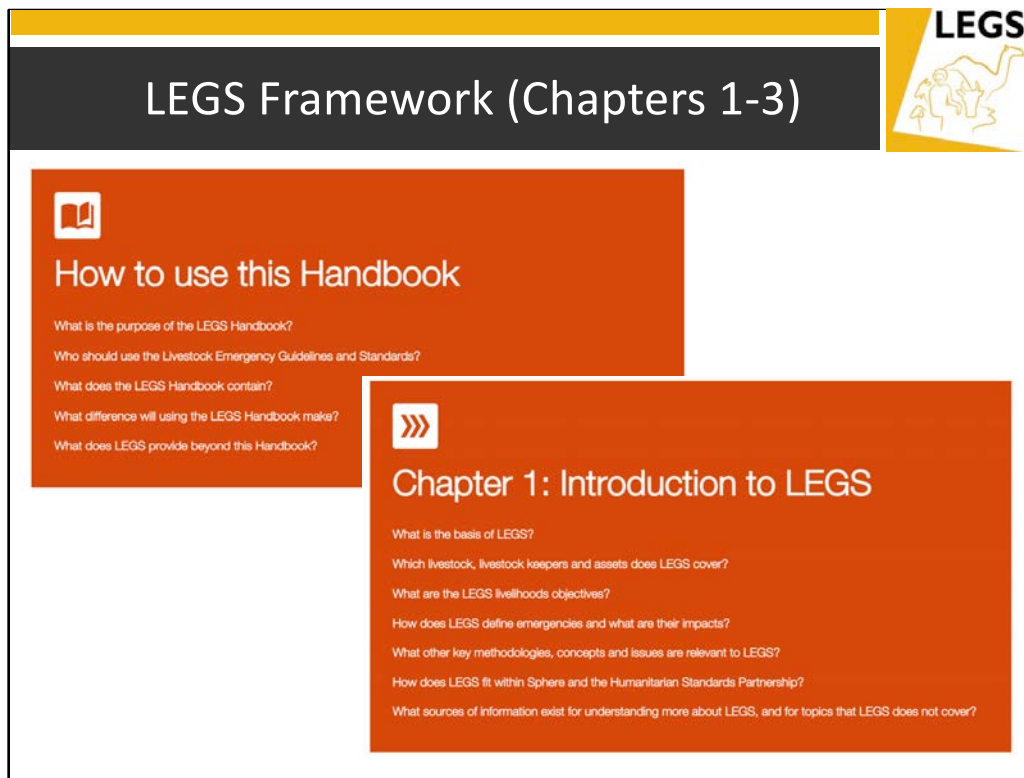
So what is different in the 3rd edition of the LEGS handbook? We've made a number of changes that we hope will make the Handbook even easier to use.

Chapter 1 has been rewritten

In chapter 2 we've consolidated core standards and cross-cutting themes into LEGS Principles


Chapter 3 was called Initial assessment & identifying responses. This is now expanded into 4 stages to align with LEGS training; and contains MEAL guidance

Chapters 4-9 are the same 6 technical interventions, but these have been updated and improved, new preparedness standards added; and guidance added on the Principles.




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# LEGS Framework (Chapters 1-3)

 **How to use this Handbook**

- What is the purpose of the LEGS Handbook?
- Who should use the Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards?
- What does the LEGS Handbook contain?
- What difference will using the LEGS Handbook make?
- What does LEGS provide beyond this Handbook?

 **Chapter 1: Introduction to LEGS**

- What is the basis of LEGS?
- Which livestock, livestock keepers and assets does LEGS cover?
- What are the LEGS livelihoods objectives?
- How does LEGS define emergencies and what are their impacts?
- What other key methodologies, concepts and issues are relevant to LEGS?
- How does LEGS fit within Sphere and the Humanitarian Standards Partnership?
- What sources of information exist for understanding more about LEGS, and for topics that LEGS does not cover?

So what does the Handbook now contain? The first part of the handbook we have called the framework chapters. These chapters underpin the six technical standards chapters that follow. There is first a brief explanation on how to use the Handbook and then Chapter 1 introduces LEGS using an accessible question and answer format.

# LEGS Framework (Chapters 1-3)

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## Chapter 2: LEGS Principles

Introduction

- Principle 1: Supporting livelihoods-based programming
- Principle 2: Ensuring community participation
- Principle 3: Responding to climate change and protecting the environment
- Principle 4: Supporting preparedness and early action
- Principle 5: Ensuring coordinated responses
- Principle 6: Supporting gender-based programming
- Principle 7: Supporting local ownership
- Principle 8: Committing to Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL)

Appendix 2.1 LEGS alignment with the Sphere Protection Principles

Appendix 2.2. How LEGS Principles support the Core Humanitarian Standard commitments

References and further reading



## Chapter 3: Emergency response planning

Introduction

- Stage 1: Initial assessment
- Stage 2: Response identification
- Stage 3: Analysis of technical interventions and options
- Stage 4: Response Plan

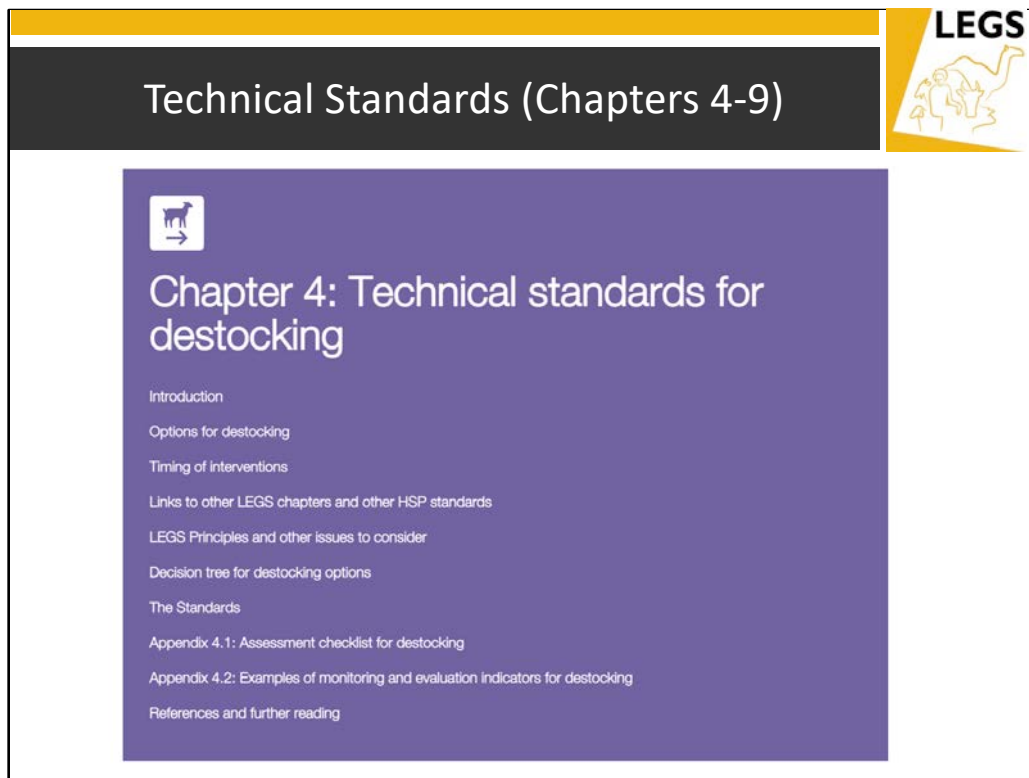
Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Guidance for LEGS Interventions

- Appendix 3.1: Initial Assessment – Suggested Participatory Methods
- Appendix 3.2: Initial Assessment – Example Checklist (Partially Completed)
- Appendix 3.3: Initial Assessment – Data Collection Template
- Appendix 3.4: PRIM – Templates
- Appendix 3.5: PRIM – Samples
- Appendix 3.6: Cash and Voucher Assistance – Options and Decision Tree
- Appendix 3.7: Response Plan – Template
- Appendix 3.8: Response Plan – Example of Destocking Intervention

References and further reading

Chapter 2 contains the eight LEGS Principles that lay out the fundamental ways of working that are essential for effective livestock-related responses in emergencies.

Chapter 3 provides planning guidance for how to respond to a livestock emergency. It explains the planning tools you need and how to use them; it shows how to use the technical standards chapters, and it provides examples and templates in appendices.



The second part of the handbook contains the technical standards chapters. They all follow the same common format that covers:

- Why the intervention is important for protecting livelihoods;
- What potential options are available and when they are most relevant during an emergency; and
- How the LEGS principles should be applied

They then each have a decision tree diagram containing questions to help you determine what is the most appropriate option. The standards, with their key actions and guidance notes, then provide the details needed for implementing the specific technical emergency response.

## Why we need your comments...

*Have we addressed your concerns and feedback on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition?*

Figure 3.2: How to complete the Participatory Response Identification Matrix

Technical interventions	Scoring against LEGS livelihoods objectives			Appropriate timing for intervention		
	Immediate benefits	Protect assets	Rebuild assets	Immediate aftermath	Early recovery	Recovery
Destocking	0	0	0			
Veterinary support	3	3	3	✓	✓	✓
Feed	2			✓	✓	
Water	0					
Shelter		2		✓	✓	
Provision of livestock			3			✓

- More user friendly?
- Clearer PRIM?

To ensure that the third edition is relevant in as many contexts as possible we are keen for you to provide us with comments. We think we have addressed the extensive feedback we received on the second edition, but would like you to check we have got it right.

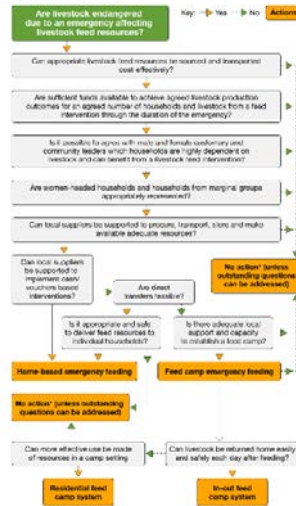
For example:

- Is the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition more user friendly?
- Is the Participatory Response Identification Matrix process clearer and easier to follow?

# ...Why we need your comments...



Figure 6.1: Decision tree for livestock feed options



\*The result 'No action' does not necessarily mean that no interventions should take place, but rather that further training or capacity building may be required in order to be able to answer 'yes' to the key questions.

Do the simplified decision trees work?

Or the decision trees... The feedback suggested that these were hard to understand. Does their new design work better?

## ...Why we need your comments

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Do the standards, key actions and guidance notes work?

### Standard 2: Assessment and planning

Water provision for livestock is based on an analysis of needs and opportunities, as well as existing local water management systems.

#### Key actions

- Building on any preparedness activities (see Standard 1) conduct an analysis of different options that can be used to form the basis for water provision (see *Guidance note 1*).
- Assess existing and degraded water sources for water quality (see *Guidance notes 2 and 3*).
- Identify existing or new effective management systems to ensure continued provision of water of acceptable quality without conflict, addressing the needs of all the different users including vulnerable groups (see *Guidance note 4*).

#### Guidance notes

##### 1. Analysis of options using existing water sources

The planning of water provision activities should begin with a participatory assessment of existing water sources to review the availability, accessibility, affordability and quality of available water. This participatory assessment should include analysis of water sources that have fallen into disrepair and are no longer used. The assessment should take account of water access for poorer and more vulnerable households. Where preparedness planning is possible, this information may already be available (see Standard 1).

Some other questions we're keen to receive comments on are:

- \* Can the standards be used in all contexts?
- \* Do the Key Actions represent steps to achieve the standard?
- \* Do the Guidance Notes provide sufficient help; have we missed anything?

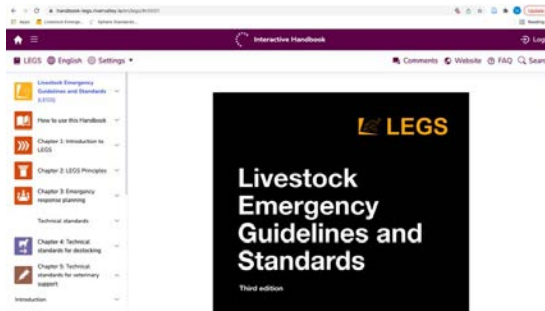
We are particularly keen to hear from practitioners who have used the LEGS handbook and for their advice on what is missing or difficult to understand or implement.

# Public Consultation

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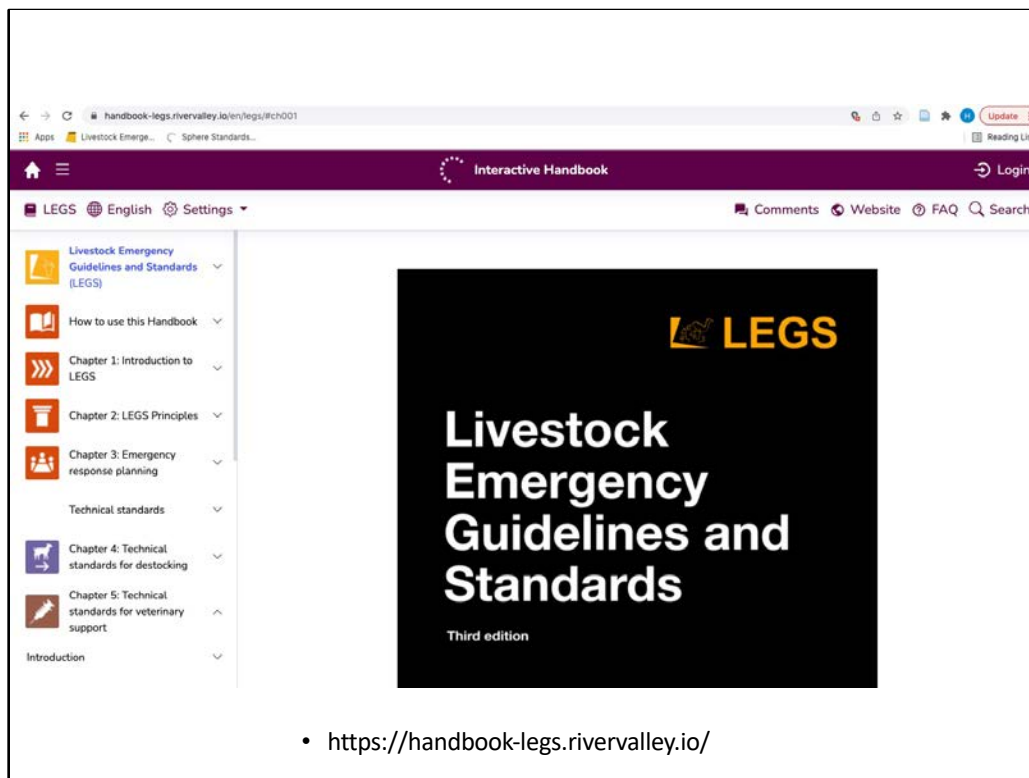


- **9<sup>th</sup> August to 9<sup>th</sup> September**
- Comment via the online platform
- Create an account
- Editorial and/or technical comments
- Be specific
- Send additional evidence or case studies to: [info@livestock-emergency.net](mailto:info@livestock-emergency.net)



The public consultation period will run from **9<sup>th</sup> August to 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
Comments need to be made via the online Handbook platform  
You will need to create an account – I will go into detail about that next  
Your comments can be editorial or technical, but please be as specific as possible  
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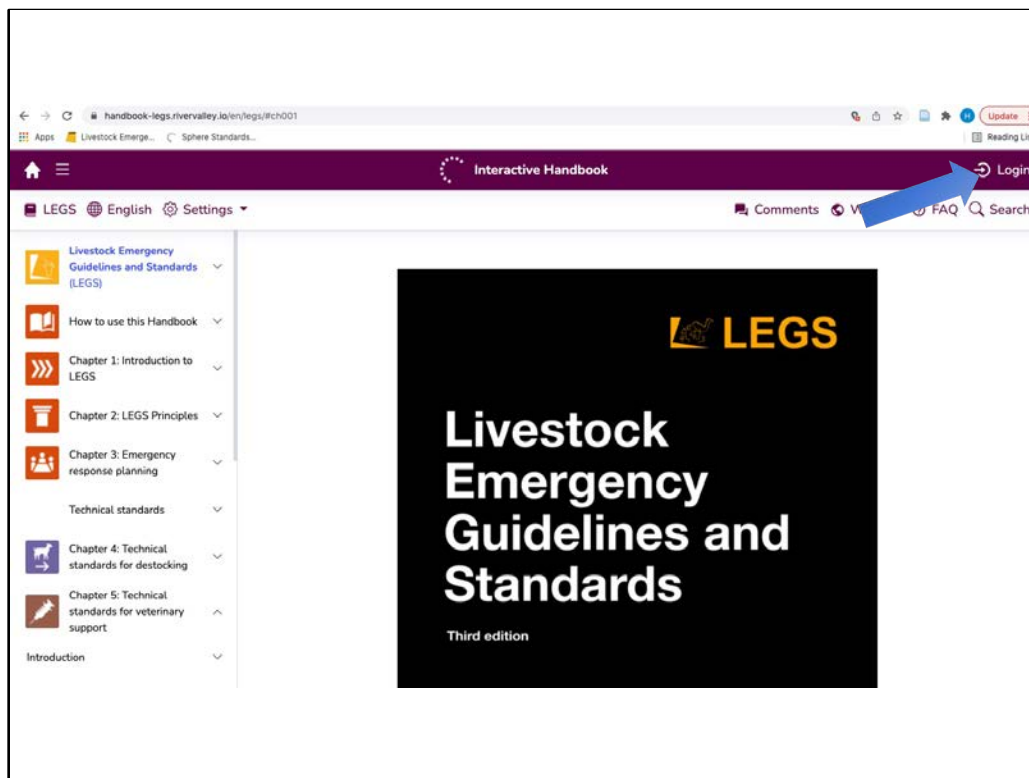




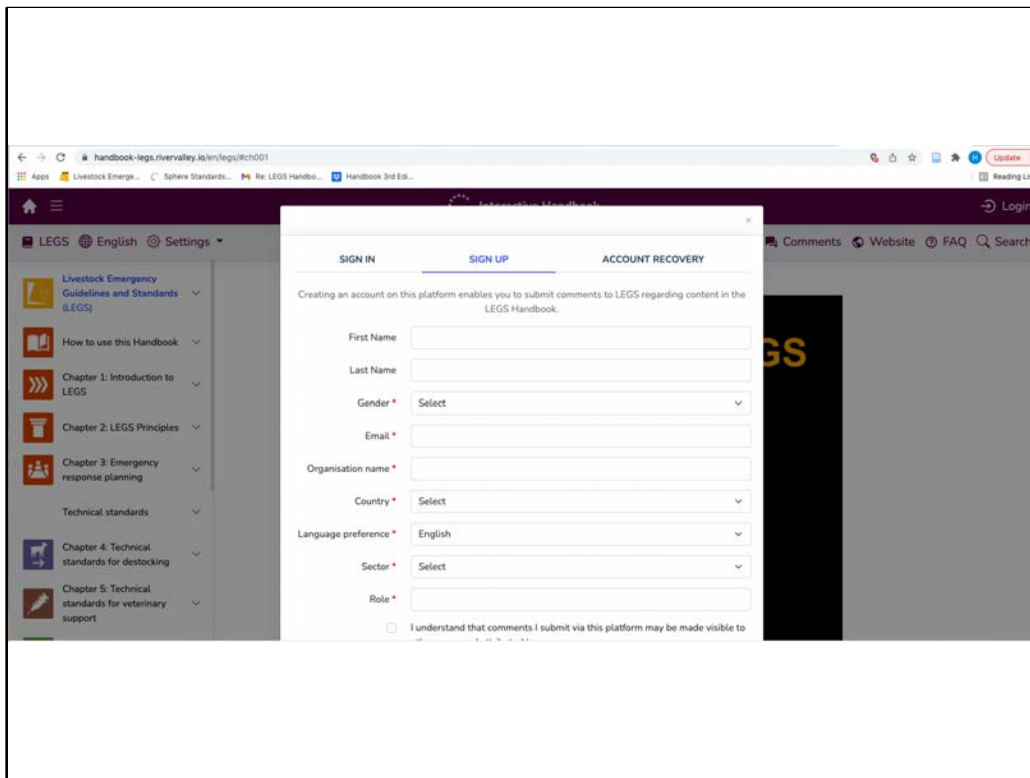
We'll now go through the steps for submitting comments on the consultation version of the LEGS handbook.

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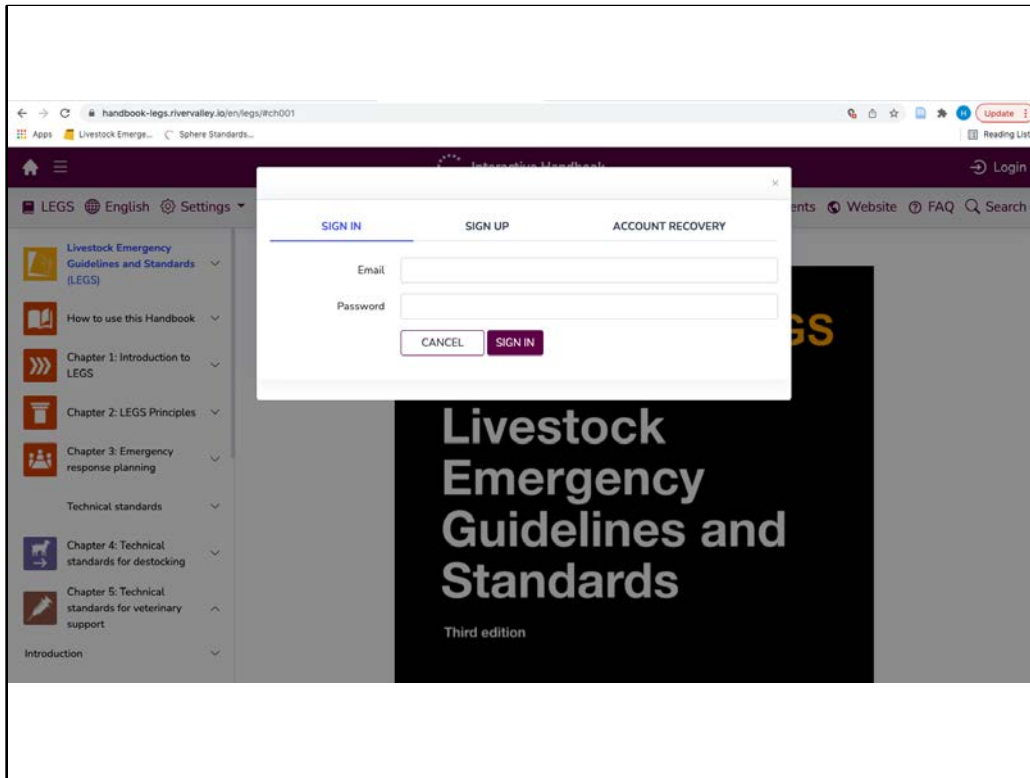
You will be able to view and read the whole of the revised LEGS Handbook, however you can't make comments until you create an account  
To create an account: In the top right corner, click on 'Login'



In the dialogue box select 'sign up'

Then create an account by completing the form then click the 'sign up' button at the bottom.

You will then get an email asking you to confirm your address – click on the link in the email, set a password, and your account will be created.



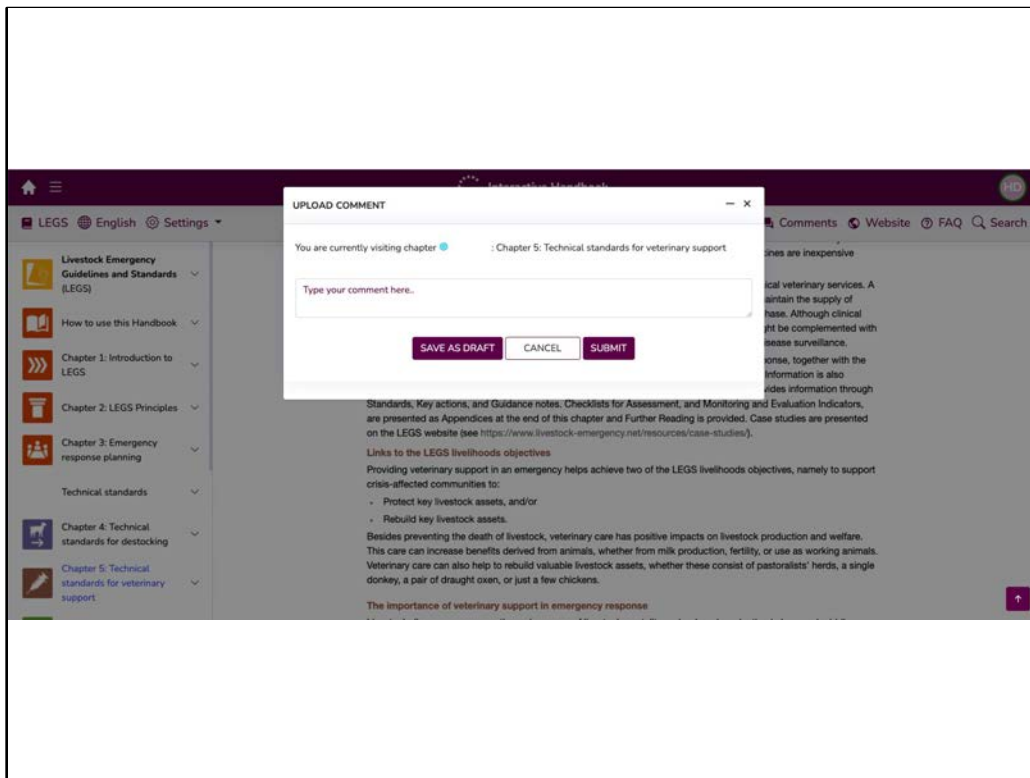
You can then log in to the site any time using the 'Login' icon at the top right of the screen, and selecting 'sign in' in the dialogue box

The screenshot shows the 'Interactive Handbook' website. The browser address bar displays 'handbook-legs.rivervalley.qa/en/legs/#ch008'. The page title is 'Chapter 5: Technical standards for veterinary support'. The left-hand navigation menu includes items such as 'Introduction', 'Options for veterinary support', 'Timing of interventions', 'Links to other LEGS chapters and other HSP standards', 'LEGS Principles and other issues to consider', 'Decision tree for veterinary support options', 'The Standards', 'Appendices', and 'References and further reading'. A blue arrow points to the 'Chapter 5: Technical standards for veterinary support' link in the menu. The main content area features a hierarchical diagram of standards and options:

- Standard 1: Preparedness
- Standard 2: Assessment and planning
  - Option 1: Clinical veterinary services
    - Standard 3: Clinical veterinary service design
    - Standard 4: Examination and treatment
  - Option 2: Public sector veterinary functions
    - Option 2.1: Veterinary public health
      - Standard 5: Zoonotic diseases
      - Standard 6: Slaughter and food hygiene
      - Standard 7: Dispose of dead animals
    - Option 2.2: Livestock disease surveillance
      - Standard 8: Livestock disease surveillance

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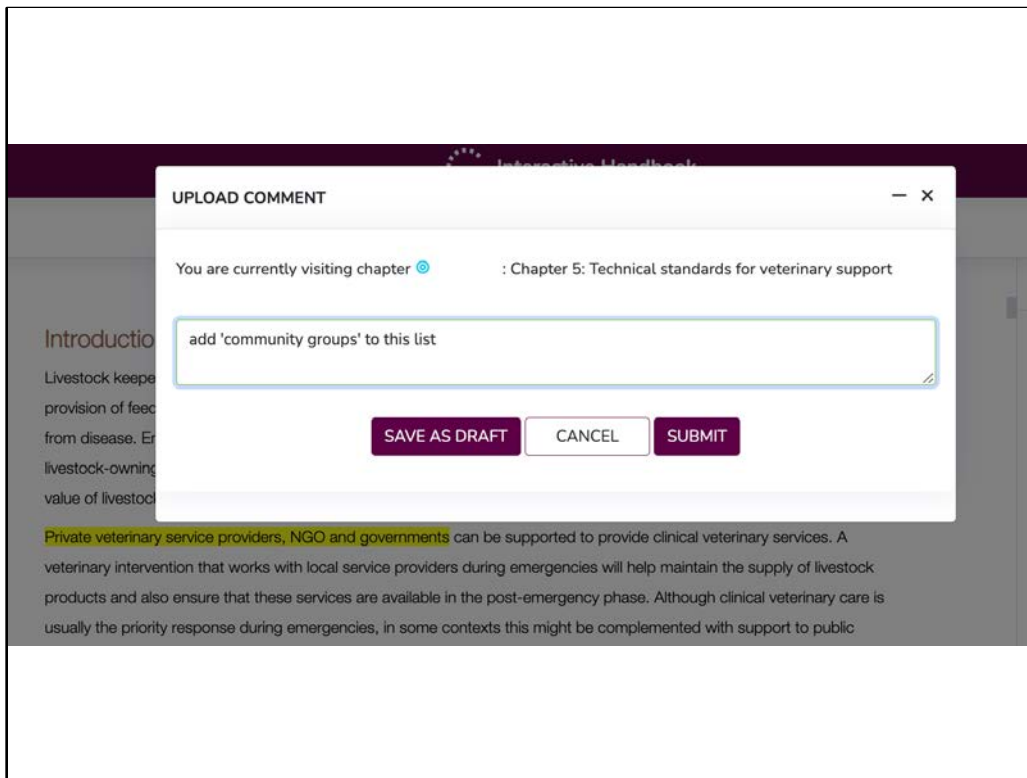
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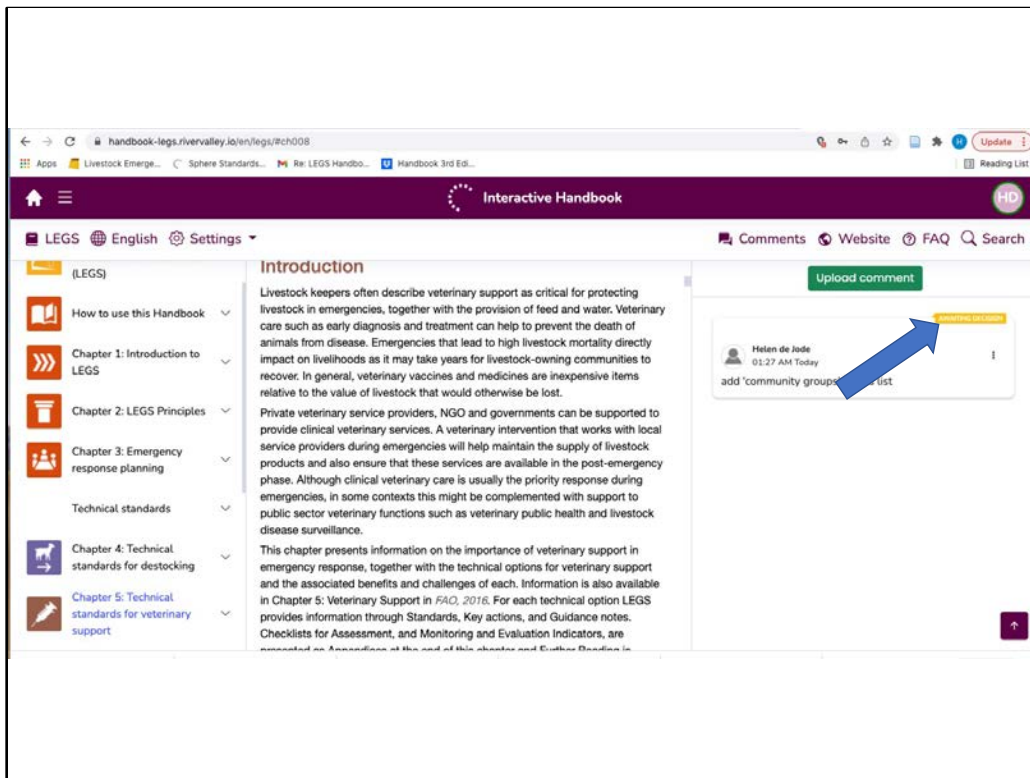
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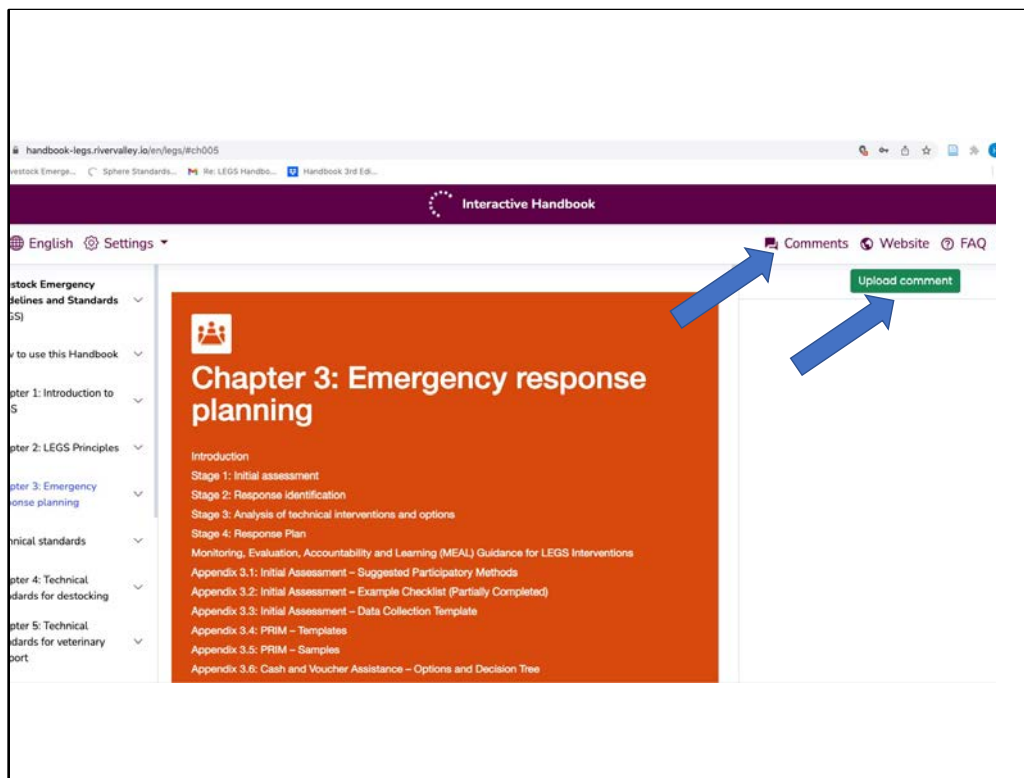


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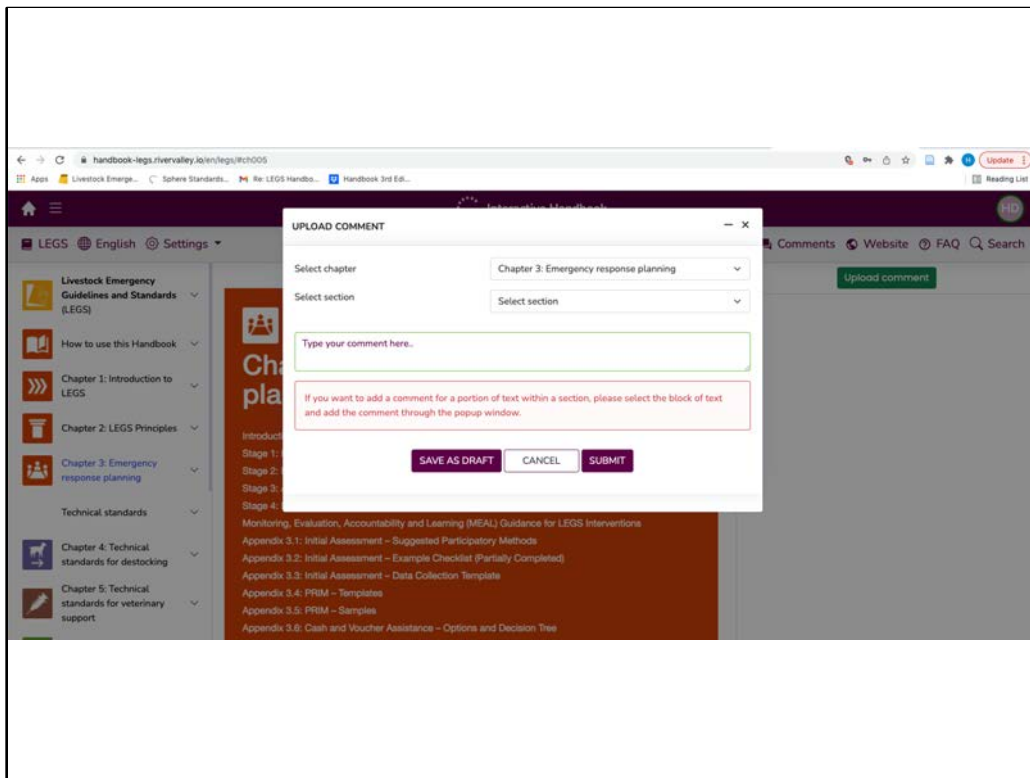
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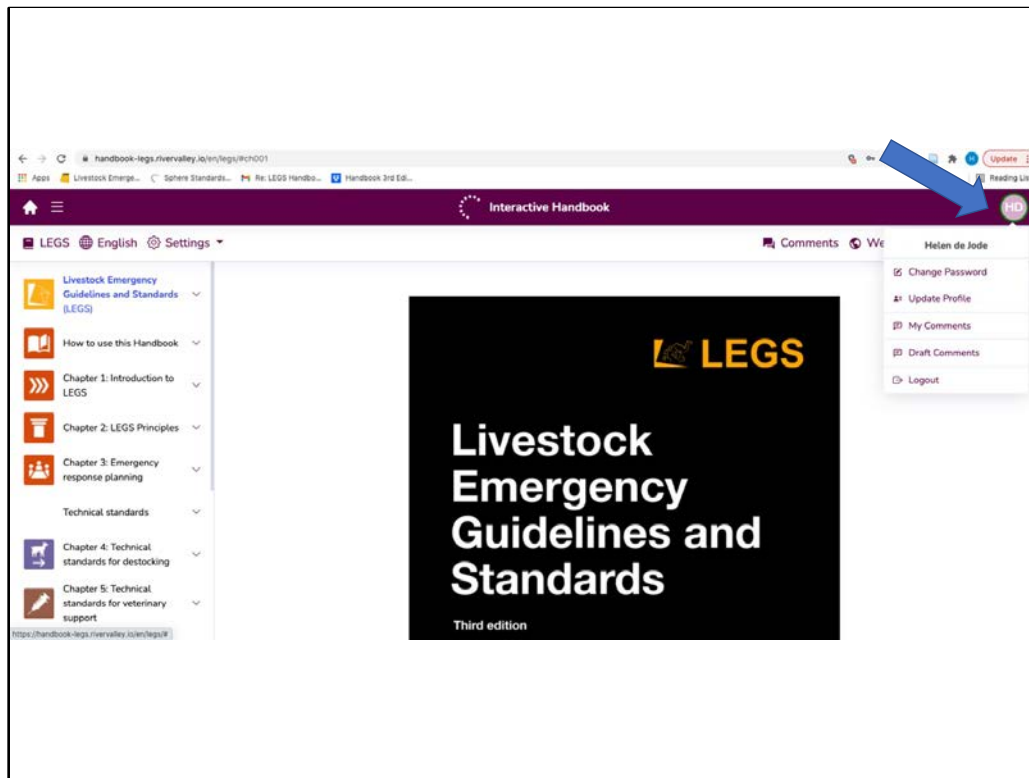
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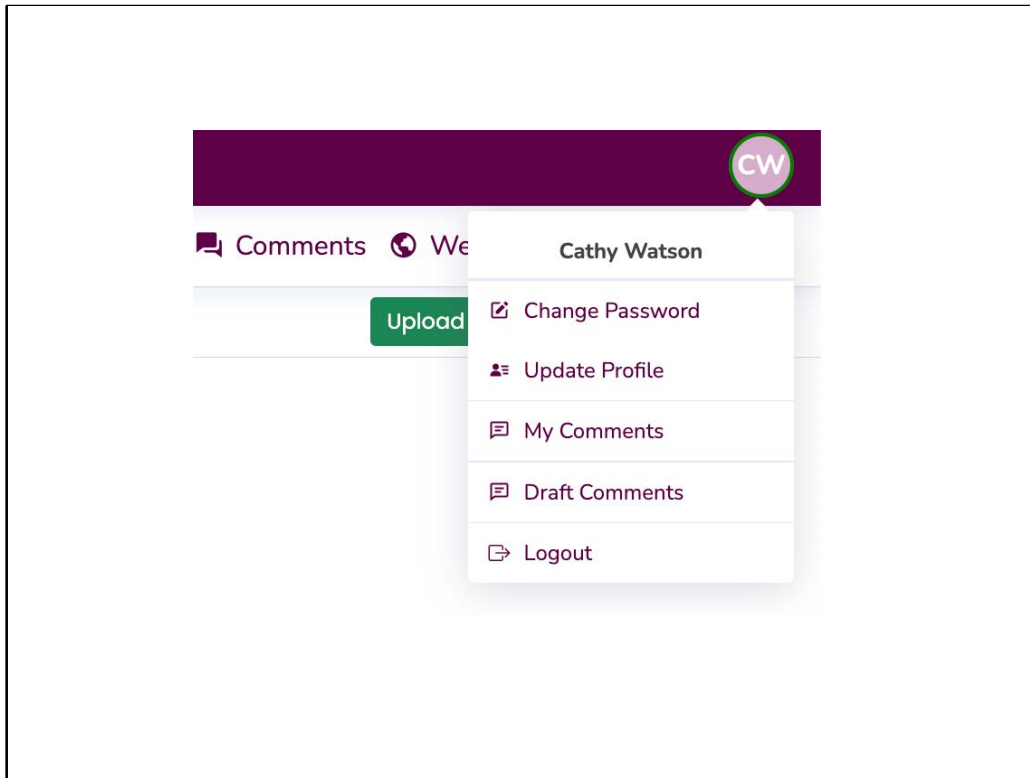


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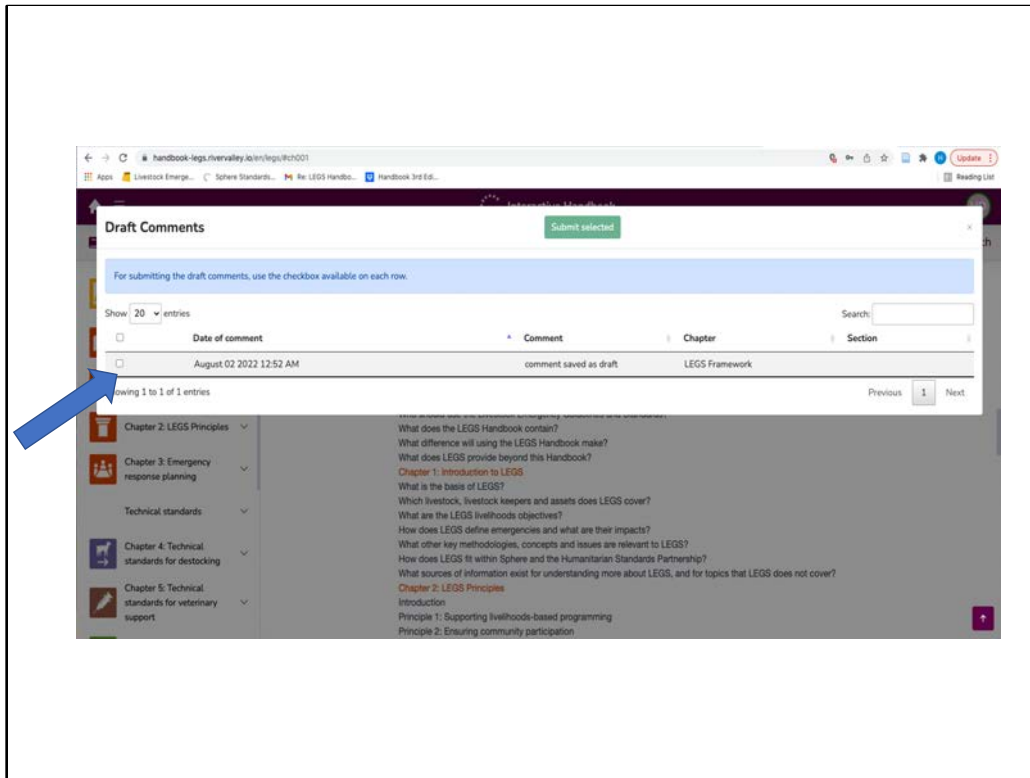


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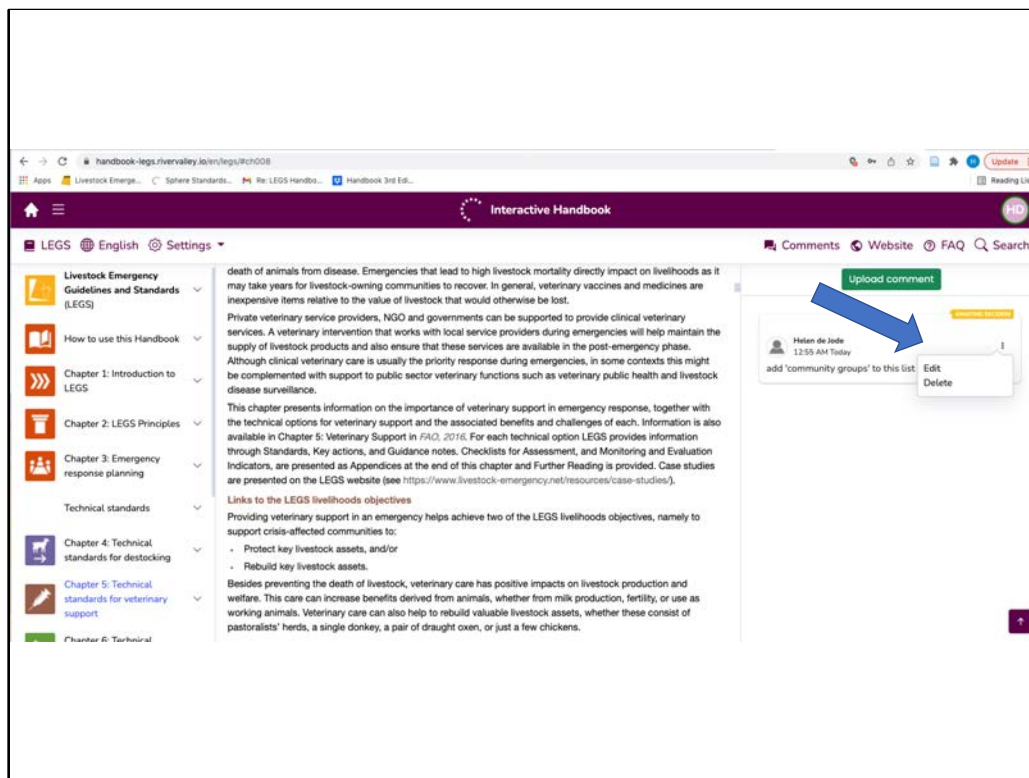


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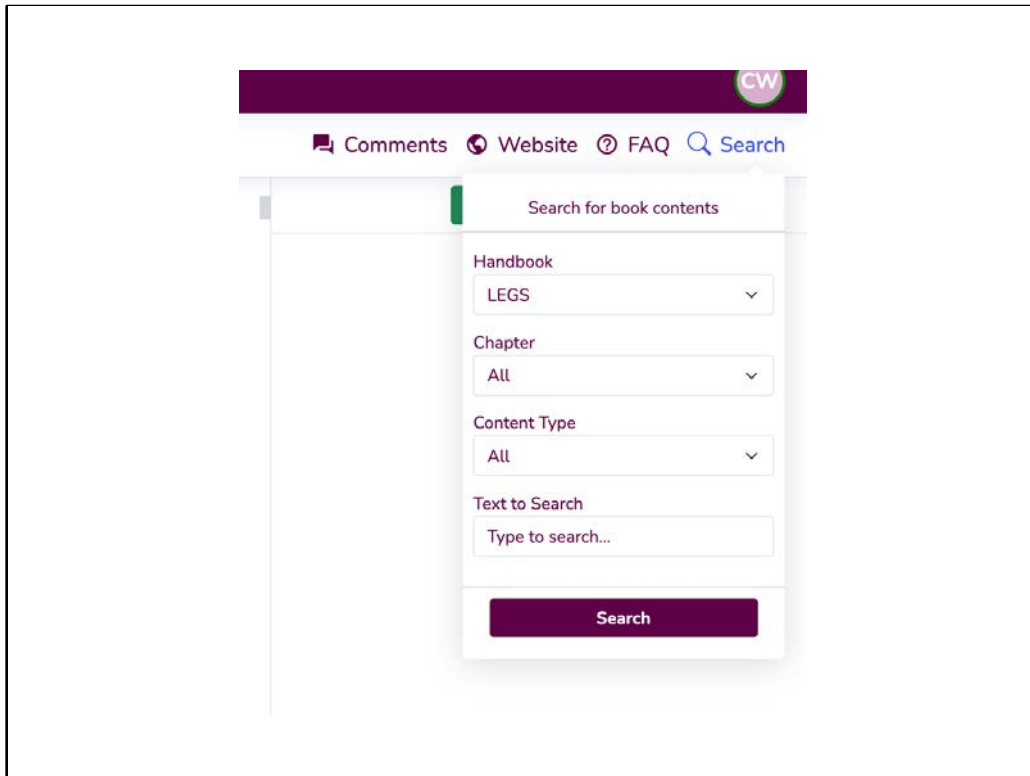


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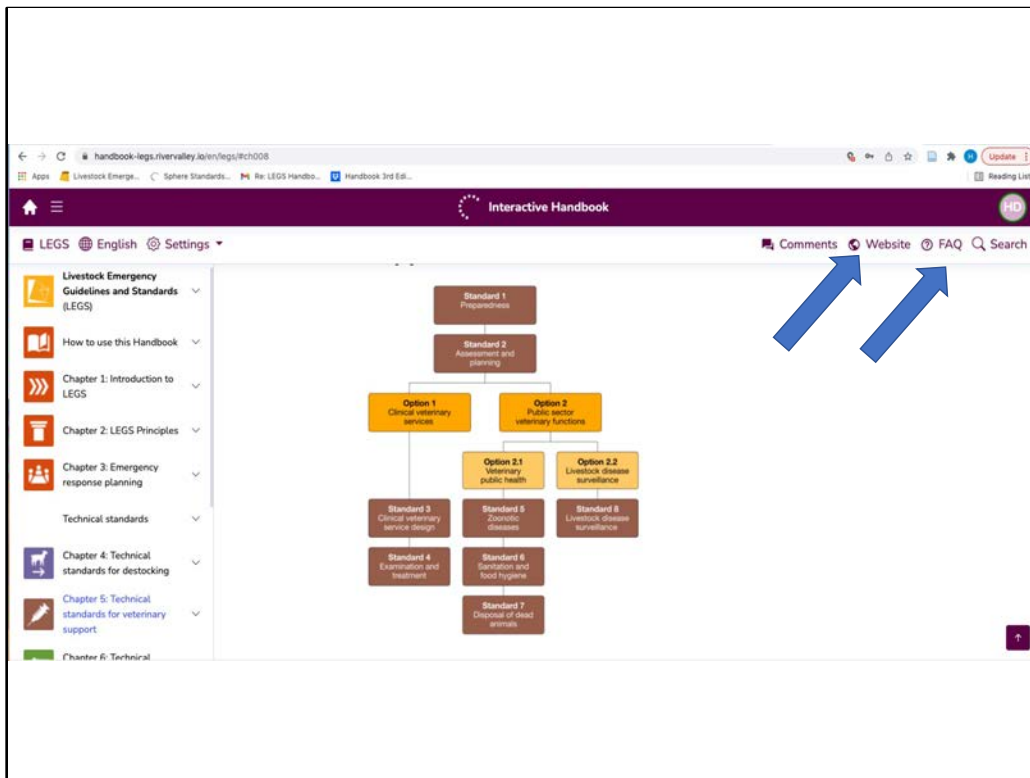
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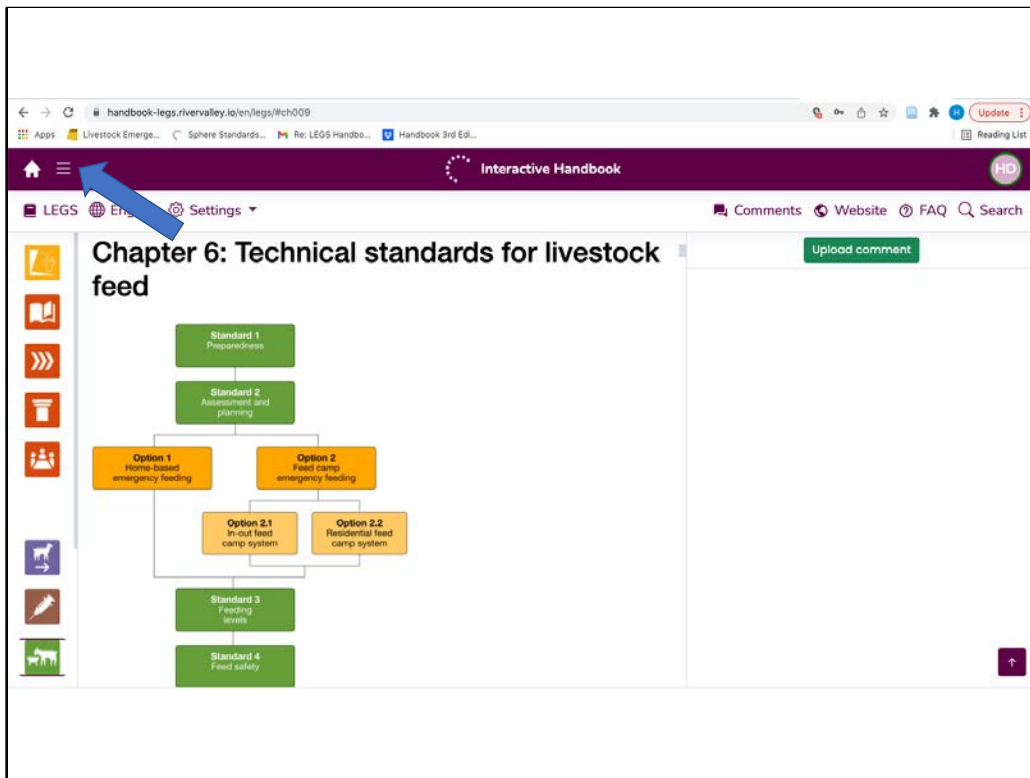
The search function (top right) enables you to search in the whole book, or in particular chapters, for specific words or phrases



Also on the top right, there's a link to the LEGS website

And some FAQs – click on this to see answers to common questions on how to comment on the site





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## How to get help

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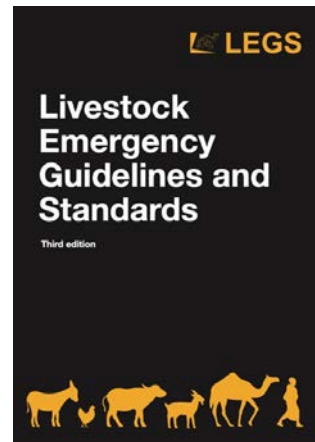
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