

Emergency Cold Room Stock Priority Checklist

Know exactly which products should be protected first during refrigeration failures to minimize high-value asset loss.

In the event of a sudden cooling breakdown, temperature spike, or power failure, rapid triage is vital. Use this priority hierarchy matrix to coordinate stock transfer to backup units or alternative cold storage locations effectively.

1. STOCK SALVAGE PRIORITY MATRIX

PRIORITY LEVEL	PRODUCT CATEGORY / TYPE	ACTION THRESHOLD
PRIORITY 1: CRITICAL	High-risk & High-value Inventory: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fresh meat, poultry, and seafoodUnpasteurized dairy productsTemperature-critical pharmaceuticals & vaccines	Move within 1–2 hours of failure or if temperature exceeds 8°C .
PRIORITY 2: HIGH	Short-term Stable Perishables: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prepared meals, cooked meats, and deli itemsSoft cheeses and pasteurized milkFresh-cut fruits and leafy greens	Move within 3–4 hours if structural insulation holds ambient temp.
PRIORITY 3: MEDIUM	Resilient Inventory: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Whole uncut fruits and root vegetablesHard cheeses and butterCondiments, sauces, and pasteurized juices	Can remain up to 6–8 hours if cold room doors remain strictly sealed.

2. IMMEDIATE PROTOCOL CHECKLIST

Instruct on-site facility personnel to complete the following visual and operational tasks immediately:

- Keep Doors Terminally Sealed:** Every door opening reduces thermal inertia, cutting safe hold time by up to 45 minutes.
- Record Initial Metrics:** Note the exact breakdown time, current internal temperature reading, and stock volume.
- Verify Power Infrastructure:** Confirm if the fault is localized (tripped breaker/blown fuse) or an internal plant component failure.
- Prepare Backup Storage:** Pre-chill mobile units, alternative chest freezers, or contact off-site logistics support.
- Deploy Thermal Blankets:** Cover highest-value pallets inside the room to slow temperature equalization.



TECHNICAL ENGINEERING ESCALATION

If stock levels are critical and temperatures are approaching critical thresholds, initiate immediate HVACR engineer deployment.

- **Step 1:** Call Cold Room Plus Support on **+44 7445 699 925** for immediate dispatch.
- **Step 2:** Report error codes on the digital controller screen (e.g., Dixell, Carel panel readouts).
- **Step 3:** Clear the external condenser area of any obstructions while awaiting arrival.

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