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AHCLSK346 Carry out post-mortem examination of livestock

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 11.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out post-mortem examination of livestock.

This unit applies to individuals who carry out post-mortem examination of livestock under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace, and animal welfare legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines, and sustainability and biosecurity practices.

Individuals must comply with national and local regulations for disposal of the carcass.

Individuals must comply with regulations for sending of biological samples by post.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Prepare to conduct post-mortem/necropsy	1.1 Select site for post-mortem, ensuring compliance with biosecurity and environment requirements 1.2 Prepare post-mortem site 1.3 Collect and collate all relevant preliminary information about the

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	carcass to be examined 1.4 Identify workplace health and safety and biosecurity hazards, and implement safe working practices to manage risks 1.5 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task 1.6 Select, check and prepare equipment and resources required to complete post-mortem examination 1.7 Move the animal to be examined to the post-mortem area using appropriate manual lifting techniques and equipment where applicable 1.8 Seek expert assistance if required
2. Carry out post-mortem examination	2.1 Carry out external assessment and note outward signs of disease, injury or abnormality 2.2 Seek expert advice and assistance before proceeding where unusual symptoms are present 2.3 Perform post-mortem of the carcass in a systematic and safe manner using appropriate techniques and equipment, without causing artificial damage to organs and tissues 2.4 Examine organs, tissues and joints 2.5 Take samples of organs and tissues where appropriate, and place in labelled containers according to laboratory requirements 2.6 Record relevant data and details of the post-mortem examination and suggest the cause of death where possible
3. Carry out post-necropsy procedures	3.1 Dispose of carcass and biological materials according to biosecurity and environment requirements and legislation 3.2 Send labelled and packaged samples to the laboratory for analysis according to workplace, environment and biosecurity requirements 3.3 Collate all information about the livestock examined and the records made during the post-mortem, and forward to supervisor or veterinarian for analysis and establishing a diagnosis 3.4 Clean, disinfect, store and dispose of equipment, materials and PPE according to workplace procedures 3.5 Clean and disinfect site used for the post-mortem according to workplace procedures 3.6 Wash hands and exposed body areas thoroughly 3.7 Change clothing and disinfect boots according to workplace

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	procedures 3.8 Identify and report unserviceable equipment and PPE according to workplace procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Identify and interpret workplace documentation to identify relevant and key information for carrying out post-mortem examination of livestock
Writing	Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to record animal and post-mortem examination details
Oral communication	- Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults, wear or damage to equipment - Respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK346 Carry out post-mortem examination of livestock	AHCLSK304 Carry out post-mortem examination of livestock	Minor changes to application Minor changes to elements and performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Not equivalent

Links

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