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Performance Evidence

Candidates must perform the ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of cattle and/or buffalo to Australian Standards and other relevant regulatory requirements in a workplace environment under normal operating conditions.

The candidate must:
- perform ante-mortem inspection in accordance with the Australian Standard and where relevant other importing country requirements
- describe principles and procedures for humane handling
- identify common diseases and conditions found at ante-mortem
- describe symptoms of emergency or notifiable diseases
- make correct dispositions for the emergency, notifiable and common diseases and conditions found at ante mortem in accordance with the Australian Standard
- segregate suspect animals in accordance with the Australian Standard and/or importing country requirements
- identify the steps and procedures for humane destruction, emergency and suspect kills
- identify the organs, skeletal structure and elements of the lymphatic, circulatory, digestive, urinary, nervous and respiratory systems relevant to meat inspection duties
- perform post-mortem inspection in accordance with the Australian Standard and, where relevant, other importing country requirements
- identify common diseases and conditions found at post-mortem
- describe the symptoms of emergency and notifiable diseases found at post mortem
- make correct dispositions for the common, emergency and notifiable diseases and conditions in accordance with the Australian Standard
- treat carcases and offal in accordance with the Australian Standard and/or importing country requirements
- monitor restraint, stunning and bleeding in order to detect, assess and report animal welfare issues
- take and dispatch samples for mandated testing
- treat carcases being held for test results in accordance with regulatory or importing country requirements
• perform inspection duties in accordance with workplace health and safety requirements

Knowledge Evidence
The candidate must demonstrate a factual, technical, procedural and theoretical knowledge of:
• the physiology and anatomy of cattle and/or buffalo
• the Australian Standard procedures for the ante and post mortem inspection of cattle and/or buffalo
• additional inspection procedures relevant to the plant where assessment of the trainee is taking place
• humane and efficient slaughtering techniques including restraint, stunning and bleeding
• procedures for retaining carcases
• carcase sampling and testing
• workplace health and safety hazards and workplace requirements
• role of equipment for meeting hygiene and sanitation and workplace requirements
• correct technique for incision of parts and organs
• procedures for disposal of condemned carcase
• procedures for identifying, collecting and submitting specimens
• segregation requirements for suspect animals
• steps and procedures for humane destruction, emergency and suspect kills
• steps in ante-mortem inspection and recognise abnormal conditions
• symptoms of common diseases and conditions
• symptoms of major emergency or notifiable diseases
• regulatory requirements associated with emergency or notifiable diseases
• the relevant registration processes and procedures for meat inspectors at their specific plant

Assessment Conditions
Assessment of ante and post mortem inspection must be conducted in a slaughtering establishment and assessment of post mortem inspection must be at chain speed.

As a minimum, assessment must consist of the following three forms of assessment:
• a workplace referee report which documents at least 10 practice ante-mortem inspections and 100 hours of post-mortem inspection practice on the chain under the supervision of a qualified meat inspector or on plant veterinary officer (note that this may be reduced to 50 hours if this is the second post-mortem inspection unit selected). The candidate must diarise the practice including the number of livestock / carcases inspected and conditions detected and this has to be verified by a workplace supervisor or mentor
• knowledge test which must include an assessment of the candidates knowledge of common diseases and conditions as well as emergency and notifiable diseases
• on-the-job assessment with assessor observation

Assessors must satisfy the current standards for RTOs.
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