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Modification History

Release	Comments
1	This unit of competency was first released in AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Release 9.0.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to maintain and operate a pneumatic cutter or scissors to remove carcass parts.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision in meat processing premises.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and food safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

Mandatory workplace requirements apply to the assessment of this unit.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite unit(s)

Nil.

Competency field(s)

N/A

Unit sector(s)

Operational (OPR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1. Prepare for cutting operations	1.1 Identify pneumatic cutter to be used and its features 1.2 Identify workplace health and safety requirements for task, including personal protective equipment 1.3 Identify safety hazards associated with operating pneumatic cutters, and control associated risks 1.4 Identify potential sources of contamination and cross-contamination
2. Perform cutting operations	2.1 Operate cutters following workplace requirements 2.2 Control risks of contamination and cross-contamination
3. Remove hocks, horns or legs or trim necks	3.1 Remove off-cuts following workplace requirements 3.2 Dispose of off-cuts following workplace requirements
4. Clean pneumatic cutters	4.1 Clean cutters to meet workplace standards 4.2 Report any maintenance issues to supervisor

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	Interpret key elements of workplace instructions

Range of conditions

This section specifies different work environments and conditions in which the task may be performed.

This unit must be delivered in one of the following registered meat processing work environments.

Micro meat processing premises	- operating fewer than four days a week with a small throughput for one or more, small or large, species, or - employing fewer than four workers on the processing floor
Larger meat processing premises	- operating more than four days a week with a throughput for one or more, small or large, species, or - employing more than four workers on the processing floor

Unit Mapping Information

Current Code and Title	Previous Code and Title	Comments	Equivalence
AMPOPR209 Operate pneumatic cutter	AMPA2030 Operate pneumatic cutter	Unit code updated Unit sector code added Unit application updated Performance Criteria clarified Foundation Skills added Range of Conditions added Assessment Requirements re-worded for clarity Mandatory workplace requirements clarified	Equivalent

Assessment Requirements for AMPOPR209 Operate pneumatic cutter

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has operated a pneumatic cutter or scissors to remove carcase parts following workplace requirements, in a micro or larger meat processing premises.

There must also be evidence that the individual has completed two shifts on the job, fulfilling workplace requirements (these shifts may include normal rotations into and out of the relevant work task).

Mandatory workplace requirements

All performance evidence specified above must be demonstrated in a meat processing premises.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- basic operating principles of the pneumatic cutter or scissors
- workplace requirements for using pneumatic cutters
- hazards associated with using pneumatic cutters and how the associated risks are controlled
- potential sources of contamination and cross-contamination that may occur while using mechanical cutters
- workplace procedures for disposal of off-cuts
- typical maintenance issues for pneumatic cutters.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a meat processing premises at workplace production speed
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - personal protective equipment
 - pneumatic cutters
 - carcasses or carcase parts for trimming
- specifications:
 - task-related documents
- personnel:
 - access to workplace supervisor or mentor.

Assessment for this unit must include at least three forms of evidence.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Mandatory workplace requirements

Mandatory workplace requirements are shown in *italic* text. Refer to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide for further information.

Link

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found on the national training register - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e2e56b7-698f-4822-84bb-25adbb8443a7>.