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AHCLSK418 Escort livestock during export

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to escort livestock during export.

This unit applies to animal attendants who escort livestock on sea voyages.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who take responsibility for their own work and for the quality of the work of others within known parameters. They may provide direction to others, and use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources. They provide and communicate solutions to a range of predictable and sometimes unpredictable problems.

All units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

AHCLSK331 Comply with industry animal welfare requirements

AHCLSK307 Euthanase livestock

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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

Element	Performance criteria
1. Carry out administration requirements	1.1 Obtain and clarify details of the livestock to be exported from the exporter or producer 1.2 Establish effective communication links between all parties to the consignment and any relevant organisations or agencies 1.3 Investigate and verify specific details of the vessel/plane to facilitate loading and transit operations 1.4 Complete required certification, permit and invoicing arrangements according to exporter requirements and relevant legislation 1.5 Estimate nutritional and veterinary requirements and order required quantities according to exporter directions, established industry standards and load specifications
2. Prepare for livestock to be loaded	2.1 Comply with work health and safety policies and procedures, including selection of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 2.2 Ensure that animal welfare and biosecurity requirements are met 2.3 Establish communication lines with all shipboard personnel for the voyage 2.4 Review exporter instructions according to loading criteria 2.5 Identify appropriate infrastructure for loading 2.6 Perform basic risk analysis for loading and recommend preventative measures 2.7 Identify appropriate on-board loading resources including personnel requirements 2.8 Check and ensure all on-board equipment is in working condition, including the veterinary kit and euthanasia equipment
3. Load and accompany livestock on transport	3.1 Observe and follow work health and safety policies and procedures, animal welfare, biosecurity and environmental requirements 3.2 Load and secure prepared livestock safely and humanely according to animal welfare, biosecurity, work health and safety and exporter requirements 3.3 Check and verify loading densities and conditions in accordance with the loading plan and regulatory requirements 3.4 Monitor and record water and feed provision to livestock and report any abnormalities or variance from feed budgets to the appropriate party 3.5 Carry out regular observation of all livestock to ensure timely and appropriate responses to changes in condition, feed and water intake, or incidence of disease 3.6 Deal humanely with injured or diseased livestock in accordance

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	with relevant animal welfare, biosecurity, health and environmental considerations and in consideration of customer requirements 3.7 Complete reports according to shipping company policy and in accurate observation of shipping conditions
4. Complete post-shipment procedures	4.1 Establish unloading strategies including timing, health checks and documentation in consultation with the carrier's Chief Officer or Master 4.2 Complete pen cleaning and other established pre-unloading procedures prior to entering port 4.3 Unload animals safely and humanely using appropriate equipment and facilities in line with work health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and exporter requirements 4.4 Identify specific animal requirements at unloading and obtain supplies to meet consignment needs 4.5 Complete end of voyage reports and required documentation in accordance with exporter requirements, shipping company policy, government legislation, and customer requirements 4.6 Undertake post-transport checks according to exporter and customer requirements, and shipping company policy

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCLSK418A Escort livestock during export

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

Assessment Requirements for AHCLSK418 Escort livestock during export

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- carry out pre-shipping and consignment administration procedures
- make preparations for loading of livestock
- load livestock onto the carrier
- handle, treat and feed livestock in accordance with relevant animal welfare, biosecurity, health and environmental legislation and codes of practice and in consideration of customer requirements
- identify signs of ill health and injury, or signs of abnormal or depressed appetite
- handle and restrain livestock for observation and treatment as required
- oversee the care of livestock in transit
- communicate effectively with exporting agents and related agencies, as well as the Master/Captain, officers and seamen on board
- complete export documentation including daily records of animal observations and conditions
- communicate effectively with exporting agents and related agencies, as well as transportation officers and staff
- implement relevant work health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and environmental requirements and practices

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- relevant work health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and quarantine, and environmental legislation and codes of practice
- regulatory requirements and industry standards for the transport of livestock using sea carriers
- typical exporter and shipping company requirements, policies and procedures

- how conflicts should be handled between regulatory requirements and requirements of exporters or shipping companies
- working culture and specifications for imported livestock of common importing countries
- care, husbandry and management procedures for health and welfare of all classes of livestock - including pregnant livestock - in transit
- methods and techniques for handling and restraint of all classes of livestock
- methods and techniques for loading and unloading of livestock
- signs of health, anatomy and physiology of the livestock species
- zoonoses of livestock and preventative health strategies for humans and livestock
- common diseases of the livestock species and preventative health strategies
- signs of ill health and related management strategies in the livestock species
- methods and techniques of euthanasia
- disposal of animal carcasses on-board sea carriers
- on-board procedures and responsibilities
- use and maintenance of personal protective equipment, veterinary, euthanasia and disinfectant materials and equipment
- invoice, receipt and document requirements at both ends of the transport operation
- strategies for effective communication between all parties to the consignment, relevant organisations and agencies, and on-board carrier personnel

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace and/or a simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessments for the following performance evidence must be conducted on live animals:

- load and transport livestock

Competency for the unit can be determined in a single species.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs

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