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AHCLSK433 Escort livestock during export

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Application

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

The unit applies to individuals who apply specialist skills and knowledge to escort livestock during export. This includes applying and communicating non-routine technical solutions to predictable and unpredictable problems.

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.

In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

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

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

Pre-requisite Unit

The prerequisite units of competency for this unit are:

AHCLSK349 Euthanase livestock

AHCLSK368 Comply with industry animal welfare requirements

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. 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 relevant organisations or agencies 1.3 Investigate and verify specific details of the vessel or aircraft 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, industry standards and load specifications
2. Prepare for livestock to be loaded	2.1 Comply with workplace health and safety policies and procedures, including selection of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) 2.2 Comply with animal welfare and biosecurity requirements 2.3 Establish communication lines with on-board personnel for the voyage 2.4 Review exporter instructions according to loading criteria 2.5 Identify appropriate infrastructure for loading 2.6 Perform risk analysis for loading and recommend preventative measures 2.7 Identify on-board loading resources and personnel requirements 2.8 Check and ensure all on-board equipment is in working condition, including veterinary kit and euthanasia equipment
3. Load and accompany livestock on transport	3.1 Comply with workplace health and safety policies and procedures, and animal welfare, biosecurity and environment requirements 3.2 Load and secure livestock using good stock handling techniques and according to workplace health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity, environment and exporter requirements 3.3 Check and verify loading densities and conditions according to 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

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	appropriate responses to changes in condition, feed and water intake, or incidence of disease 3.6 Deal humanely with injured or diseased livestock according to workplace health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity, environment and customer requirements 3.7 Complete reports according to shipping or airline company requirements
4. Complete post-shipment procedures	4.1 Establish unloading strategies including timing, health checks and documentation in consultation with the carrier senior officer 4.2 Complete pen cleaning and other established pre-unloading procedures prior to entering port 4.3 Unload animals using good stock handling techniques, and appropriate equipment and facilities according to workplace health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity, environmental 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 according to exporter requirements, shipping or airline company requirements, government legislation, and customer requirements 4.6 Undertake post-transport checks according to exporter and customer requirements, and shipping or airline company requirements

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 textual and numerical information from a range of sources to identify relevant and key information about livestock escort and export requirements
Writing	Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to prepare and record relevant certification, permit and invoicing documentation

	Complete in-transit and end of voyage reports and required documentation
Oral communication	- Use collaborative and inclusive language and techniques including active listening, questioning and reading of verbal or non-verbal signals to convey and clarify procedural information, confirm understanding and compliance with specified procedures and eliciting information from on-board personnel - Respond to questions, clarify information and seek advice
Numeracy	- Calculate and record routine workplace data - Use basic mathematical processes of addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, percentages, decimal points and ratios

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK433 Escort livestock during export	AHCLSK418 Escort livestock during export	Minor changes to application Minor changes to elements and performance criteria Foundation skills added Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

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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 escorted livestock during export on at least one occasion, and has:

- implemented relevant workplace health and safety and environment and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- carried out pre-shipping and consignment administration procedures
- made preparations for loading of livestock
- loaded livestock onto the carrier
- handled livestock using good stock handling techniques
- treated and fed livestock according to workplace health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and environment legislation and codes of practice, and customer requirements
- identified signs of ill health and injury, or signs of abnormal or depressed appetite
- handled and restrained livestock for observation and treatment as required
- overseen the care of livestock in transit
- completed export documentation, including daily records of animal observations and conditions
- communicated effectively with exporting agents and related agencies, and on-board senior officer, officers and personnel
- implemented relevant animal welfare policies and practices for escorting livestock during export.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for escorting livestock during export, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to escorting livestock during export
- principles and practices for escorting livestock during export, including:
 - regulatory requirements and industry standards for the transport of livestock using sea and air 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 in transit, including pregnant livestock
 - good stock handling techniques for restraint, 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 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, including relevant organisations and agencies, and on-board carrier personnel
 - animal welfare requirements applicable to escorting livestock during export.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - work instructions and workplace procedures applicable to escorting livestock during export
 - equipment and materials applicable to escorting livestock during export
 - PPE applicable to escorting livestock during export
 - livestock
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for escorting livestock during export

- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to escorting livestock during export
- workplace and industry policies and codes of practice, and regulations and legislation requirements applicable to livestock transportation for export markets
- legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for animal welfare applicable to escorting livestock during export
- relationships:
 - exporter, agencies, on-board senior officer, officers and personnel
- time frames:
 - according to job requirements.

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

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