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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

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 prepared an enterprise for organic or biodynamic certification on at least one occasion and has:

- identified requirements for organic certification
- identified critical points in supply chain where organic or biodynamic integrity may be compromised
- implemented and monitored effective risk management for those parts of supply chain under farm control
- identified and documented practices and strategies to minimise risk of contamination and non-conformance with organic or biodynamic standards
- developed an operational plan for conversion to organic or biodynamic production.

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:

- organic and biodynamic certification process
- standards and codes of practice for organic and biodynamic production
- chain of custody of products and exposure to non-compliance
- workplace hazard assessment and critical control point principles and risk management, including:
 - procedures for conducting and documenting a risk assessment
- health and food safety requirements for farm produce
- labelling requirements for domestic and export markets
- market for organic produce, including the organic movement and organic industry
- principles of organic or biodynamic agriculture
- procedures and responsibilities for product recall

- regulatory requirements and their domestic and international contexts
- role of quality management systems in organic industry, including:
 - documentation and record-keeping requirements
- working knowledge of the regulated organic industry, including:
 - role of the government, certification bodies and inspectors.
 - support, including agricultural extension officers and training programs.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - literature, publications and internet sources of information relevant to organic or biodynamic certification
 - certification process requirements
- specifications:
 - standards and codes of practice for organic and biodynamic production
- relationships:
 - stakeholders
- timeframes:
 - according to the job requirements.

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

Links

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