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AMPA2049 Remove spinal cord

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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to remove the spinal cord from carcasses after splitting.

This unit is applicable to workers on the slaughter floor responsible for removing spinal cords and dura mater to meet specifications trim.

All work should be carried out to comply with workplace and hygiene requirements.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision, exercise limited autonomy and have some accountability for their own work.

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

This unit must be delivered and assessed in the context of Australian meat processing standards and regulations.

Pre-requisite Unit

AMPX209 Sharpen knives

Unit Sector

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. Remove spinal cord	1.1 Remove spinal cord and dura mater from split carcase in accordance with the work instructions, and, where relevant, in compliance with the Specified Risk Materials (SRM) requirements of customers 1.2 Monitor removal to meet Quality Assurance (QA) specifications

Element	Performance criteria
	1.3 Operate rise and fall platform according to workplace requirements (where part of trimmer's duties)

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 MTMP2057B Remove spinal cord.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AMPA2049 Remove spinal cord

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must remove the spinal cord from carcasses after splitting.

The candidate must:

- identify spinal cord and dura mater to be removed
- remove spinal cord cleanly and safely according to workplace requirements
- apply relevant regulatory requirements

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate a basic factual, technical and procedural knowledge of:

- QA specifications for spinal cord removal
- reasons for the removal of the spinal cord
- where relevant, SRM and Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)
- relevant work instructions and workplace health and safety requirements
- relevant regulatory requirements
- customer specifications

Assessment Conditions

Assessment has to be demonstrated in a meat processing plant.

Competency must be demonstrated at the normal chain speed.

As a minimum, the following three forms of assessment must be used:

- quiz of underpinning knowledge
- workplace demonstration
- workplace referee or third-party report of performance over time

Assessors must satisfy the current standards for RTOs.

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