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Release 3	This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 5.0.
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Application

This unit covers the skills and knowledge required to recognise the symptoms of emergency diseases and conditions as might be seen during the performance of meat inspection procedures.

This unit is suitable for students undertaking meat safety (inspection) training and is a co-requisite for the post-mortem inspection and ante-mortem inspection Units in the Australian Meat Industry Training Package.

All work should be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, customer requirements and product specifications.

This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work including limited responsibility for the work of others. They provide and communicate solutions to a range of predictable problems.

No 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.

Competency should be reassessed every five years.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Describe the symptoms of the major emergency diseases as they relate to food animals	1.1 Identify the major emergency diseases of food animals processed in Australia 1.2 Describe the impact of emergency diseases on the meat industry 1.3 Describe the symptoms of these major emergency diseases as they may be seen at ante-mortem 1.4 Describe the symptoms of these major emergency diseases as they may be seen at post-mortem
2. Identify the reporting process for suspected emergency diseases	2.1 Explain the responsibilities for reporting emergency disease suspects as set out in the enterprise's emergency disease preparedness plan 2.2 Describe a meat processing enterprise's responsibilities after reporting a suspected emergency disease outbreak 2.3 Explain the role of AUSVET Plan in controlling emergency diseases 2.4 Describe the potential impact of emergency diseases on the livestock and meat industry

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

Unit Mapping Information

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Assessment Requirements for AMPA3131 Identify and report emergency diseases of food animals

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must recognise the symptoms of emergency diseases and conditions which might be seen during the performance of meat inspection procedures.

The candidate must:

- identify the major emergency disease risks to the food animal species relevant to the students duties
- identify the symptoms of these emergency diseases
- explain the reporting requirements when an emergency disease is suspected in livestock or carcasses
- explain the steps to be taken by a meat processing company in the event of a suspected outbreak of an emergency disease
- explain the steps to be taken by regulators when there is a suspected outbreak of an emergency disease

Knowledge Evidence

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

- the major emergency diseases of food species animals
- the symptoms of the major emergency diseases of food species animals
- the reporting requirements when an emergency disease is suspected in livestock or carcasses
- the steps to be taken by a meat processing enterprise in the event of a suspected outbreak of an emergency disease and how they are to be implemented

- the AUSVET plan and the role of regulators, companies and producers in the event of an the reporting requirements when an emergency disease is suspected in livestock or carcasses
- the steps to be taken by regulators when there is a suspected outbreak of an emergency disease
- the enterprise's emergency disease preparedness plan

Assessment Conditions

The assessment must cover as a minimum the species of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and poultry. Other food species could include kangaroos and any other species slaughtered or harvested legally in Australia for human consumption.

Competency must be demonstrated by identifying the symptoms of emergency diseases affecting at least one of these species by using images (photographs, slides, models or diagrams).

Assessment may occur in the workplace or in a suitable teaching environment.

A minimum of three different forms of assessment must be used. These should take the form of:

- quiz of underpinning knowledge
- identification of signs and symptoms of diseases in different species from images and diagrams
- assignment

Assessors must satisfy the current standards for RTOs.

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