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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comment
1	AMPv1.0	Initial release

Performance Evidence

The candidate must be observed throughout the process of conducting at least one complete animal welfare audit at a meat processing facility.

The candidate must:

- assess the welfare of livestock at receipt and in lairage
- assess livestock handling against requirements during unloading and handling in the lead up to slaughter
- assess the handling of sick/injured and uncooperative animals against workplace and regulatory requirements
- make an assessment of effective restraint, stunning and humane slaughter of livestock
- use of effective interpersonal skills in a range of contexts, including audit interview situations
- comply with Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) requirements for working around livestock
- read and interpret relevant legislation, regulations, standards and Codes of Practice
- effectively record and communicate audit findings to relevant stakeholders

The candidate must explain and interpret a range of relevant animal welfare measures relevant to the audit situation.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must:

- be able to locate, read and interpret relevant animal welfare and cruelty legislation (Acts) and regulations
- have a working knowledge of relevant voluntary industry animal welfare standards for processing establishments
- have a working knowledge of relevant codes of practice or equivalent animal welfare standards (underpinning the Acts)

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

- humane destruction and emergency slaughter arrangements
- relevant measures of animal welfare
- acceptable livestock handling techniques and measures
- impact of stress during handling on the ultimate pH and quality of meat
- WHS requirements for handling stock
- regulatory and workplace requirements for animal welfare
- regulatory requirements when dealing with sick and injured animals
- requirements for contingency plans for dealing with animal-handling emergencies

Assessment Conditions

All evidence must be collected in the context of current Australian meat industry standards and regulations.

A minimum of three different forms of evidence is required to demonstrate competency.

This must include as a minimum:

- written test or quiz
- a complete onsite mock audit of animal welfare.

Assessment must be conducted in a slaughtering establishment under real working conditions.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e2e56b7-698f-4822-84bb-25adb8443a7>