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AMPAUD401 Conduct an animal welfare audit of a meat processing premises

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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to conduct an audit of animal welfare prior to slaughter, and an animal welfare audit of the slaughter process.

This unit applies to individuals who are employed to undertake animal welfare audits at a slaughtering establishment. This unit provides an animal welfare context to complement existing auditor training.

Animal welfare audits conducted under this unit must be carried out according to the Industry Animal Welfare Standards for Livestock Processing Establishments Preparing Meat for Human Consumption.

In addition, all work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, food and meat safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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:

- AMPLSK201 Apply animal welfare and handling requirements
- AMPLSK401 Oversee humane handling of animals
- AMPQUA416 Conduct an internal audit of a documented program.

Unit Sector

Auditing (AUD)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify relevant animal welfare regulations and standards	1.1 Identify and interpret relevant regulations and legislation about animal welfare/cruelty 1.2 Identify the responsibilities of business operators and personnel under relevant legislation 1.3 Identify relevant animal welfare standards, voluntary codes of practice and quality systems 1.4 Identify sections of Acts, regulations, voluntary codes of practice or equivalent standards relevant to species being processed 1.5 Identify relevant and applicable animal welfare measures for receipt, lairage, stunning and slaughtering during audit
2. Audit the animal welfare component of an Approved Arrangement for compliance with regulatory and relevant standard requirements	2.1 Audit Approved Arrangement or equivalent quality assurance systems for compliance with customer, commercial and regulatory requirements 2.2 Identify and confirm that workplace procedures for livestock receipt, unloading, lairage, handling, restraining, stunning, slaughter, personnel training and animal welfare monitoring comply with relevant regulations and standards
3. Audit transport and unloading arrangements for livestock	3.1 Check the establishment's Approved Arrangement to ensure that it incorporates procedures and practices that enable compliance with customer, corporate and regulatory requirements 3.2 Audit the unloading and receipt or ante-mortem inspection, sorting and yarding against workplace, customer, commercial and regulatory requirements 3.3 Identify facilities and equipment as operational and appropriately maintained, and confirm their suitability for use
4. Audit management of livestock in lairage prior to slaughter	4.1 Assess inputs into the welfare of livestock in lairage against regulatory, customer and workplace requirements, including facilities, handling practices, inspections, access to feed and water and pen density 4.2 Assess welfare of animals against pre-determined welfare measures
5. Audit treatment of sick/injured or uncooperative animals	5.1 Assess workplace requirements for suspect, sick, injured or uncooperative stock 5.2 Assess the handling of suspect, sick, injured or uncooperative stock against workplace and customer standards and regulatory requirements

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6. Audit stunning of livestock	6.1 Review inputs into the stunning process, including equipment maintenance, training and facilities, for compliance with workplace standards and regulatory requirements 6.2 Assess effectiveness of restraint and stunning against workplace, customer and regulatory requirements 6.3 Assess monitoring of effective stunning by company personnel against workplace, customer and regulatory requirements
7. Audit slaughtering and shackling	7.1 Observe and assess the bleeding process for compliance with workplace and regulatory requirements 7.2 Assess bodies on the bleed chain for insensibility 7.3 Observe operators to ensure they are complying with workplace procedures, including checking for an effective stun
8. Audit animal welfare monitoring, internal auditing, and corrective and preventative action program	8.1 Review routine monitoring records for livestock handling, stunning and effective slaughter to ensure compliance with workplace, regulatory and customer requirements 8.2 Review internal audit records to assess control of animal welfare outcomes, including training of personnel 8.3 Assess effectiveness of preventative and corrective action programs
9. Audit contingency arrangements	9.1 Access workplace livestock contingency plans 9.2 Review and assess contingency plans for livestock emergencies against regulatory and standard requirements
10. Plan for an animal welfare audit	10.1 Interpret audit schedule and plan and organise the timely conduct of audit 10.2 Determine objectives, scope and criteria of audit according to workplace requirements 10.3 Assemble and brief audit team, as required, for the objectives, scope and criteria of the audit 10.4 Notify those affected by and involved in the audit, and document responsibilities according to workplace requirements 10.5 Notify stakeholders involved in an internal audit according to workplace requirements 10.6 Identify procedures, records and workplace documentation needed for the audit

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	10.7 Document evidence collection methods and sources to be used in the audit, including developing workplace checklists to workplace specifications 10.8 Conduct a document review prior to audit
11. Report outcomes of an animal welfare audit	11.1 Prepare an audit report, detailing areas of the program that were audited and findings against the audit criteria, including non-conformances where applicable 11.2 Document objective evidence according to workplace standards 11.3 Keep records of audit process, objective evidence and findings according to workplace and regulatory requirements 11.4 Report findings according to workplace 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	- Interpret relevant legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice - Interpret workplace documents such as Approved Arrangements, and workplace internal auditing policies and documents
Writing	Record audit findings
Oral communication	- Interview staff about work practices and animal welfare issues - Discuss outcomes of the audit with appropriate workplace personnel

Unit Mapping Information

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AMPAUD401 Conduct an animal welfare audit of a meat processing premises	AMPA417 Conduct an animal welfare audit of a meat processing plant	Unit code and title updated Performance Criteria clarified Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions reworded for clarity	Equivalent

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Assessment Requirements for AMPAUD401 Conduct an animal welfare audit of a meat processing premises

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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 conducted at least one complete animal welfare audit at a meat processing facility, including:

- assessed the welfare of livestock at receipt and in lairage
- assessed livestock handling against requirements during unloading and handling in the lead-up to slaughter
- assessed the handling of sick/injured and uncooperative animals against workplace and regulatory requirements
- assessed effective restraint, stunning and humane slaughter of livestock
- recorded and communicated audit findings to relevant stakeholders.

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:

- relevant voluntary industry animal welfare standards for processing establishments
- relevant codes of practice or equivalent animal welfare standards (underpinning the Acts)
- animal welfare measures relevant to the audit situation
- 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
- workplace health and safety 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

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

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a slaughtering establishment or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources:
 - livestock
- specifications:
 - workplace documents such as policies, procedures, processes and forms
 - work instructions and standard operating procedures
- relationships:
 - interactions with work team and stakeholders.

Assessment for this unit must include at least three forms of evidence.

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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