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AMPLSK301 Handle animals humanely while conducting ante-mortem inspection

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Release 1	This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 8.0.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to handle animals safely and humanely, prior to slaughter.

This unit applies to individuals who work in a meat processing environment and who undertake ante-mortem inspection, or assist with undertaking ante-mortem inspection. Such inspection may take place in a slaughtering establishment or stockyard or lairage.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, animal welfare and meat safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

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. Identify animal for processing	1.1 Identify common breeds of animal processed at workplace 1.2 Identify normal behavioural characteristics of relevant species

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2. Identify animal welfare requirements for stock handling and lairage facilities	2.1 Identify animal welfare regulatory requirements 2.2 Identify workplace health and safety and regulatory requirements for lairage 2.3 Identify health and safety hazards, and assess and control their risk 2.4 Check facilities and equipment and confirm readiness for use
3. Handle animals to achieve outcome required	3.1 Handle animals humanely to prevent injury, minimise stress and maintain the quality of meat and hides or skins 3.2 Move and sort animals for ante-mortem inspection according to workplace and regulatory standards 3.3 Communicate effectively with team members while handling animals
4. Handle contingencies	4.1 Identify and handle suspected sick or injured stock according to workplace and regulatory requirements 4.2 Treat affected animals according to regulatory, workplace and health and safety requirements, under guidance from veterinarian as required 4.3 Handle wild or uncooperative animals humanely without disturbing or injuring other animals or people 4.4 Follow emergency procedures for the emergency slaughter of animals as required

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 key requirements of animal welfare standards and regulations - Interpret permits, waybills, National Vendor Declarations (NVDs)
Oral communication	Interact effectively with team members, including in stressful situations

Skill	Description
Numeracy	Count number of animals in lot

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPLSK301 Handle animals humanely while conducting ante-mortem inspection	AMPA3002 Handle animals humanely while conducting ante-mortem inspection	Unit code updated Performance Criteria clarified Element 4 and 5 combined Foundation Skills added Assessment Requirements reworded for clarity	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AMPLSK301 Handle animals humanely while conducting ante-mortem inspection

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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 handled animals humanely in preparation for and during ante-mortem inspection, on at least one occasion, including taking steps to minimise stress and injury to stock during processing.

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 Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines
- regulatory and workplace requirements for animal welfare, including for feed, water, space, air and shelter
- workplace health and safety requirements for handling stock
- methods to handle livestock in a calm and low-stress manner
- the process of ante-mortem inspection
- impact of poor animal handling
- impact of stress during handling on the ultimate pH and quality of meat
- workplace procedures for dealing with animal-handling emergencies
- workplace arrangements for emergency kill or humane destruction
- regulatory requirements when dealing with animals affected by common and exotic or notifiable diseases, including:
 - animal welfare legislation
 - export and/or state controlling meat regulations
 - company procedures, including any specific workplace requirements.

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 lairage or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - real animals for ante-mortem inspection
- specifications:
 - workplace procedures, including advice on safe work practices and animal welfare and safety
- relationships:
 - interactions with work team.

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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