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AMPLSK401 Oversee humane handling of animals

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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 oversee the handling and the slaughtering/euthanising of animals by a range of company personnel and/or government inspection staff to meet regulatory requirements.

Ensuring animals are produced, handled and slaughtered humanely is the responsibility of both regulatory authorities and companies. This unit is therefore applicable to meat safety officers, lairage supervisors, animal welfare officers and quality assurance (QA) officers in meat processing establishments, and to livestock production, transport and saleyard staff.

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 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. Oversee humane handling of animals	1.1 Identify animal welfare requirements in legislation, regulation and workplace procedures 1.2 Identify potential animal welfare hazards and existing risk

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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>
	management procedures 1.3 Identify workplace health and safety hazards and address potential risks 1.4 Oversee handling of animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements 1.5 Oversee and monitor facilities and procedures for handling and restraining animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements 1.6 Identify when facilities or handling of animals does not comply with workplace and regulatory requirements and implement corrective actions
2. Oversee humane euthanasia or slaughter of animals	2.1 Oversee effective restraint and stunning, prior to euthanising or slaughtering of animals, to ensure compliance with workplace and regulatory requirements 2.2 Oversee bleeding of animals to ensure compliance with workplace and regulatory requirements, where applicable 2.3 Oversee monitoring of bleed chain insensibility to ensure compliance with workplace and regulatory requirements, where applicable
3. Handle contingencies	3.1 Oversee handling of sick or injured animal according to workplace and regulatory requirements 3.2 Oversee handling of wild or uncooperative animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements 3.3 Interpret and implement contingency plans for managing animal welfare issues

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 workplace documents such as vendor declarations

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Writing	• Complete workplace forms and reports in paper-based and/or digital formats
Oral communication	• Provide feedback to staff about animal handling techniques • Discuss observations with appropriate personnel • Discuss contingency plans and correct animal handling with appropriate personnel

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPLSK401 Oversee humane handling of animals	AMPA416 Oversee humane handling of animals	Unit code updated Performance Criteria and Assessment Requirements reworded for clarity	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AMPLSK401 Oversee humane handling of animals

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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 overseen humane handling of animals on at least two occasions, including:

- identified and applied relevant animal welfare and workplace health and safety requirements
- ensured that bruising and/or hide or pelt damage due to animal handling is minimised
- ensured stock handlers remain calm and are not injured or put at risk of injury
- monitored the handling of animals to ensure minimisation of stress to animal
- monitored facilities for handling and restraining animals
- identified sick and injured animals
- identified features of effective restraint, stun and bleed and/or oversaw humane destruction
- monitored effective stunning and bleeding where applicable
- monitored humane euthanising of animals
- planned stock movement to meet production requirements and minimise stress.

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:

- regulatory and workplace requirements for the humane handling and slaughtering/euthanising of animals
- the impact of stress on animals and meat
- the stunning and bleeding process and/or humane destruction requirements
- causes of ineffective stunning and bleeding
- regulatory and workplace requirements for monitoring stunning and bleeding
- impact of stress during handling on the ultimate pH and quality of meat
- impact of poor animal handling

- 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 and regulations
 - Department of Agriculture and/or state/territory meat authority regulation
 - 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 working animal handling facilities or slaughtering premises or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - animals to be handled
 - personal protective clothing and equipment
 - reporting and monitoring systems
- specifications:
 - workplace policies, procedures, processes and forms
 - work instructions and standard operating procedures
 - current animal welfare codes and regulations
- 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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