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Modification History

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

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to detect abnormalities and diseases in at least one of the major food animal species (ovine, bovine or porcine) prior to slaughter.

This unit applies to individuals who carry out work as a meat inspector or a meat safety officer in facilities where animals are processed for food for human or pet consumption according to the relevant Australian Standard.

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

Individuals who work as meat inspectors must comply with the requirements of local/state/territory authorities, and where applicable the Australian Government export Authority. Users must check with the relevant regulatory authority before delivery.

Mandatory workplace requirements apply to the assessment of this unit.

Pre-requisite Unit

AMPLSK301 Handle animals humanely while conducting ante-mortem inspection

Unit Sector

Meat Safety (MSY)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Identify types of stock and market requirements	1.1 Identify major breeds of commonly slaughtered domestic animals

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of food animals commonly slaughtered for meat	1.2 Identify distinguishing features of major breeds 1.3 Identify market requirements of commonly slaughtered domestic animals
2. Prepare for ante-mortem inspection	2.1 Identify the purpose of the ante-mortem inspection 2.2 Identify regulatory requirements associated with ante-mortem inspection 2.3 Identify workplace health and safety hazards associated with ante-mortem inspection, and control risks, including using personal protective equipment (PPE) 2.4 Identify procedures and principles for humane handling of animals 2.5 Identify quality assurance requirements for ante-mortem inspection of food animals 2.6 Identify procedures for euthanising animal and processing it as an emergency kill 2.7 Identify procedures for euthanising an animal, condemning and disposing of the carcass
3. Conduct ante-mortem inspection on live animals	3.1 Perform ante-mortem inspection on relevant species according to regulatory requirements 3.2 Detect, identify and document signs of common conditions responsible for abnormalities at ante-mortem 3.3 Detect signs of common emergency or notifiable diseases 3.4 Report any identified conditions or diseases according to regulatory and workplace requirements 3.5 Segregate suspect animal according to regulatory and workplace requirements 3.6 Make disposition as a result of inspection, and take appropriate action
4. Identify and isolate animals requiring testing for residue	4.1 Identify reasons for residue testing of animals 4.2 Follow procedures for identifying and isolating animals for testing

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 regulatory requirements, procedures and standards
Writing	Complete ante-mortem cards and condemnation documentation
Oral communication	Interact effectively with those employed at slaughtering establishment
Numeracy	- Estimate percentage of mob with conditions - Estimate animal numbers in pen (per m2)

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPMSY303 Conduct ante-mortem inspection and make disposition	AMPA3069 Perform ante-mortem inspection and make disposition	Unit code and title updated Performance Criteria clarified and duplication removed Foundation Skills added Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions reworded for clarity Mandatory workplace requirements clarified	Equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e2e56b7-698f-4822-84bb-25adbb8443a7>

Assessment Requirements for AMPMSY303 Conduct ante-mortem inspection and make disposition

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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 ante-mortem inspection of at least one major domestic food species, including:

- conducted at least five ante-mortem inspections
- demonstrated procedures for humane handling of food animal
- adhered to regulatory requirements, including relevant Australian Standard
- made correct dispositions for the common diseases and conditions found at ante-mortem according to schedule in relevant Australian Standard.

Mandatory workplace requirements

All performance evidence specified above must be demonstrated in a slaughtering establishment.

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:

- target market for the species being inspected, and purpose of ante-mortem inspections
- key requirements of relevant Australian Standard
- relevant animal identification systems that use brands, tags, tattoos and electronic identification devices
- appropriate steps for ante-mortem inspections according to animal types
- common abnormalities, diseases and conditions that affect the target species, and their symptoms
- common ante-mortem dispositions
- purpose and process for residue testing
- notifiable diseases that affect the target species within jurisdiction

- workplace health and safety hazards and workplace requirements, including correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- role of equipment for meeting hygiene and sanitation and workplace requirements
- segregation requirements for suspect animals, and equipment needed to investigate suspect pens
- workplace procedures and regulatory requirements for:
 - ante-mortem inspection for target species
 - denaturing animals condemned at ante-mortem
 - emergency kills and euthanising stock in lairage
 - hygiene and sanitation
 - hygiene and sanitary sequence requirements
 - retaining carcasses
 - identifying, collecting and submitting specimens
 - humane destruction of target species
 - emergency and suspect slaughter
 - disposal of condemned carcass
 - reporting on ante-mortem
- the relevant registration processes and procedures for meat inspectors at their specific premises.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - *ante-mortem inspection skills must be demonstrated in a slaughtering establishment*
 - knowledge of species diseases and conditions may be demonstrated in a classroom setting or similar environment equipped with relevant reference materials
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - *live animals for inspection*
 - photographs or graphic samples of disease and conditions relevant to species
 - *PPE*
- specifications:
 - *workplace standard operating procedures*
 - *relevant Australian Standard*
 - *regulatory requirements for site*
- relationships:
 - *under the supervision of a meat inspector or a suitably qualified supervisor*
- timeframes:
 - *ante-mortem inspections must be performed at normal production speed.*

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.

A suitably qualified supervisor must hold an AMP 'Perform ante and post-mortem inspection' unit specific to the species addressed in this unit, or have equivalent and current skills and knowledge.

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Mandatory workplace requirements are shown in *italic* text. Refer to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide for further information.

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