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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 perform quality control and Meat Hygiene Assessment (MHA) checks (or equivalent) on carton meat for contamination or defects as part of a quality control program. It covers the implementation of specifications, critical limits, tolerances and sampling programs.

This unit applies to individuals who monitor quality and who are responsible for MHA and quality control checks on carton meat. In this role, workers take responsibility for their own work, they may take limited responsibility for the work of others, and they also contribute to problem-solving workplace issues.

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

Nil

Unit Sector

Quality Assurance (QUA)

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. Prepare for work	1.1 Receive work instructions and clarify where required 1.2 Identify health, safety and food safety hazards for task, and control

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	associated risks 1.3 Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and clothing, and ensure correct fit 1.4 Identify sampling plan for sample size and frequency
2. Inspect samples of carton meat for defects	2.1 Take samples of product from each line of product according to a pre-determined sampling plan and workplace health and safety standards 2.2 Inspect sample for defects according to regulatory and workplace requirements as established in an approved Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) program 2.3 Report defects according to workplace requirements
3. Assess samples against pre-determined defect tolerances	3.1 Assess levels of defects against established tolerances 3.2 Report samples outside tolerance to supervisor, and take corrective action 3.3 Adhere to sampling program, and record results according to workplace requirements 3.4 Keep sampling area clean and neat to avoid contamination between samples 3.5 Identify and follow dropped meat procedures 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 work instructions and standard operating procedures (SOPs)
Writing	Record defects using paper-based and/or digital format
Numeracy	- Determine conformance levels expressed as percentages (%) - Use conformity index formulae

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPQUA306 Perform boning room Meat Hygiene Assessment	AMPA3074 Perform boning room Meat Hygiene Assessment	Unit code updated Element 1 added Performance Criteria clarified Foundation Skills added Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions revised	Not equivalent

Links

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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 performed Meat Hygiene Assessment (MHA) checks in a boning room, on carton meat, on at least one occasion, including:

- identified defects and the associated relevant critical limits and specifications
- interpreted details of out-of-tolerance samples
- taken corrective actions where defect tolerances are exceeded
- followed safe work practices
- maintained hygiene and sanitation standards.

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:

- purpose of an MHA process monitoring program, and what is being monitored
- regulatory and workplace requirements for MHA monitoring
- purpose of the sampling plan and consequence of not following it
- sampling methods
- the consequences of microbiological contamination
- types of defects identified in carton meat
- tolerance levels
- procedures for reporting defects outside tolerance
- types of corrective actions to be taken
- levels of macro-contamination that are acceptable, marginal or unacceptable
- hygiene and sanitation requirements when monitoring product
- when and how corrective actions are to be taken in response to monitoring outcomes
- workplace health and safety requirements when monitoring product, including correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

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 boning room of a registered meat processing premises or an environment that accurately represents a real workplace
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - MHA monitoring system
 - carton meat
 - cleaning and sanitising equipment according to workplace requirements
 - personal protective equipment (PPE)
- specifications:
 - workplace standard operating procedures and task-related documents
- timeframes:
 - within typical operating and production conditions for the workplace.

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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