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Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

MTMG303A Receive and inspect wild game carcasses from the field

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to receive and inspect fresh field shot game carcasses directly from the harvester at a depot or processing plant
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to the receipt and inspection of fresh field shot wild game carcasses at field depots or straight to a processing works. The receiver will have responsibility for the inspection of carcasses and make a disposition on the carcasses, including the rejection of carcasses not suitable for processing. They will check that the tagging and time requirements are also met.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills	This unit contains employability skills.
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Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.
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Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. Receive wild game meat carcasses at a depot	1.1. Receipt of carcasses is managed according to depot management plan. 1.2. Tags are inspected to ensure compliance with company and regulatory requirements . 1.3. Paperwork associated with carcasses from each harvester's load received is checked and stored.
2. Inspect game meat carcasses	2.1. Carcasses are inspected for contamination and accepted or rejected according to company and regulatory requirements. 2.2. Reasons for rejection of carcasses are explained to game harvester. 2.3. Relevant records of receipt of carcasses are prepared.
3. Weigh carcasses, where applicable	3.1. Scales are prepared in accordance with company and regulatory requirements. 3.2. Carcasses are weighed. 3.3. Records are completed and stored in accordance with company and regulatory requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

Ability to:

- inspect carcasses and make accurate dispositions
- identify
 - faecal material
 - abnormal carcasses
 - enlarged or discoloured kidneys
 - slimy or smelly meat surface
 - emaciated carcasses
 - abnormal animals
 - fly strike
 - mould

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- unacceptable contamination by other foreign matter
- inadequate dressing (bladder left in, pluck missing, kidney(s) missing etc)
- evidence of animal welfare issues (e.g. non head-shot/brain shot)
- receive and record harvester's paperwork, where applicable
- check tags for compliance
- prepare records of carcase receipt
- communicate with game harvesters and processing companies
- weigh carcases (where appropriate)
- read and interpret workplace related documentation
- apply numeracy skills to workplace requirements
- share information
- show independence in identifying problems
- collect, analyse and organise information
- take initiative and make decisions within workplace role
- use technology and workplace-related equipment

Required knowledge

- causes of contamination at receipt
- hygiene and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) risks associated with carcase receipt
- relevant sections of AS 4464:2007 Australian Standard for Hygienic Production of Wild Game Meat for Human Consumption
- identification and traceability requirements
- eligible carcases
- tag requirements
- Shire requirements
- areas prohibited to game harvesters
- lighting lux requirements to ensure adequate inspection at night
- OH&S hazards specific to receipt

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Overview of assessment

The meat industry has specific and clear requirements for evidence. A minimum of three forms of evidence is required to demonstrate competency in the meat industry. This is specifically designed to provide evidence that covers the demonstration in the workplace of all aspects of competency over time.

These requirements are in addition to the requirements for valid, current, authentic and sufficient evidence.

Three forms of evidence means three different kinds of evidence - not three pieces of the same kind. In practice it will mean that most of the unit is covered twice. This increases the legitimacy of the evidence.

All assessment must be conducted against Australian game meat industry standards and regulations.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Candidates must be able to:

- demonstrate competent receipt and inspection of carcasses without guidance or supervision
- recognise diseases and abnormal conditions and make dispositions.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

This competency has to be demonstrated under actual work conditions either at a game depot or at a processing works receiving carcasses straight from the field.

Method of assessment

Assessment methods may include;

- workplace referee report
- video record of receipt and inspection
- on-the-job demonstration with assessor observation
- knowledge test
- recognition of diseases and conditions from photographic records or preserved samples.

Assessment practices should take into account any

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	relevant language or cultural issues related to Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander, gender, or language backgrounds other than English. Language and literacy demands of the assessment task should not be higher than those of the work role.
Guidance information for assessment	A current list of resources for this Unit of Competency is available from MINTRAC www.mintrac.com.au or telephone 1800 817 462.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT	
The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below. Essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) may also be included.	
Wild game refers to:	- any vertebrate animal: - including a mammal, bird or reptile, but excluding fish; and - of a species that can be legally harvested; and - not husbanded in the manner of a farmed animal; and - is killed in the field. - and may include: - kangaroos - wallabies - wild boar - wild goat - possum - rabbit - hare - wild game birds.
Harvester tags may include:	'Wildlife Authority' tags on macropods - company-approved tags.

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<i>Regulatory requirements</i> may include:	• state and federal regulations administered by: • Food Authorities • Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) • Parks and Wildlife Authorities and State Government Departments • other authorities as applicable • relevant regulations including carcase age • relevant sections of the Australian Standard AS 4464:2007 Australian Standard for Hygienic Production of Wild Game Meat for Human Consumption.
Reasons for <i>rejection of carcasses</i> may include:	• undersize • restricted species • sourced from restricted area • contamination • disease or abnormality • outside time and temperature limits.
<i>Preparation of scales</i> may include:	• calibration • cleaning and sanitising.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

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