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MTMP2009B Unload livestock

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the skills and knowledge required to unload animals from transport. It requires a working knowledge of animal handling techniques and associated facilities and equipment. The work is likely to be carried out under routine supervision within enterprise guidelines. Competency requires an awareness of legislative requirements with regard to animal welfare.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit is applicable to those responsible for unloading stock from transport at abattoirs.
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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. Check facilities and equipment	1.1. Required facilities and equipment are identified. 1.2. The work site, facilities and equipment are checked for hazards . 1.3. Repairs and maintenance of facilities and equipment required for the unloading of livestock are carried out or reported where necessary. 1.4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and clothing is used and stored.
2. Unload animals	2.1. Animals are unloaded in a safe manner to comply with animal welfare, company and regulatory requirements . 2.2. Livestock is identified , counted and recorded according to enterprise procedures. 2.3. Workplace records are maintained according to workplace and regulatory requirements. 2.4. Documentation is completed according to regulatory and transporter requirements. 2.5. Agreement on condition of animals is reached with the transporter.
3. Perform appropriate animal health procedures	3.1. Stock is sorted, if required, with sick or injured stock segregated according to workplace and regulatory requirements. 3.2. Animal health treatments are performed off truck as instructed. 3.3. Animals are fed and watered to enterprise requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

Required skills

Ability to:

- prepare equipment and working dogs (when used) for handling animals
- monitor animal behaviour and recognise irregularities

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- provide due care and handle animals safely and humanely
- use goads (where applicable), in accordance with work instructions, ***Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S)*** and animal welfare requirements
- calculate animal numbers and assess and calculate feed and water requirements
- apply relevant ***communication skills***
- cooperate and communicate with others to facilitate unloading stock
- work effectively as an individual and as part of a team
- comply with relevant OH&S and animal welfare legislative requirements
- take action to improve own work performance as a result of self-evaluation, feedback from others, or in response to changed work practices or technology
- work effectively with others to facilitate unloading of stock

Required knowledge

Knowledge of:

- animal basic health and nutritional requirements
- animal herding and flocking behaviour
- working dogs' uses and techniques (where appropriate)
- animal handling and movement methods and techniques
- animal welfare standards
- Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) and work instruction relevant to unloading stock
- relevant OH&S and animal welfare legislative requirements

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 meat industry standards and regulations.

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

Competence requires evidence of the ability, under supervision, to:

- safely and humanely unload animals in a calm and controlled manner
- anticipate animal behaviour
- provide and maintain appropriate animal health and nutritional requirements.

Evidence must also be demonstrated in the employment of safe workplace and positive environmental practices.

Context of, and specific resources for assessment

Assessment must occur in the workplace under normal production conditions.

Method of assessment

Recommended methods of assessment include:

- workplace demonstration
- quiz of underpinning knowledge
- workplace referee or third- party report of performance over time.

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	Assessment practices should take into account any 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.	
<i>Facilities and equipment</i> may include:	• fixed and portable loading ramps • pens • prods • yards.
<i>Hazards</i> may include:	• animal movement and handling • dust • gates • moving trucks and other vehicles • solar radiation • uneven work surfaces.
<i>Animals</i> include:	• cattle • goats • horses • pigs • sheep.
<i>Safe manner</i> includes:	• animal handling including zoonoses control (e.g. Q fever)

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	• hazard and risk control • manual handling • outdoor work including protection from solar radiation, dust and noise • the appropriate use and maintenance of personal protective equipment.
Regulatory requirements may include:	• Animal Welfare Standards • Export Control Act • hygiene and sanitation requirements • relevant regulations • requirements set out in AS 4696:2007 Australian Standard for Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption • state and territory regulations regarding meat processing.
Identification system used may include:	• tail tags • other means of identification of animals including electronic systems.
Workplace requirements may include:	• enterprise-specific requirements • OH&S requirements • Quality Assurance (QA) requirements • SOPs • the ability to perform the task to production requirements • work instructions.
OH&S requirements may include:	• enterprise OH&S policies, procedures and programs • OH&S legal requirements • Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which may include: • coats and aprons • ear plugs or muffs • eye and facial protection • head-wear • lifting assistance • mesh aprons • protective boot covers • protective hand and arm covering • protective head and hair covering

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	• uniforms • waterproof clothing • work, safety or waterproof footwear • requirements set out in standards and codes of practice.
<i>Communication skills</i> may include:	• listening and understanding • reading and interpreting workplace documentation • sharing information • speaking clearly and directly • working and communicating with diverse individuals and groups.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

Competency field	
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