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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
1	MTM11v3	Initial release.

Unit Descriptor

The Unit covers the skills and knowledge required to manage the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) responsibilities for sheep or goats purchased at a saleyard, prior to their arrival at an abattoir.

Application of the Unit

This Unit applies to stock buyers who are responsible for purchasing livestock from saleyards.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this Unit.

Pre-Requisites

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Employability Skills Information

This Unit contains employability skills.

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.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. View and assess pre-sale information	1.1 Identify stock that meet the workplace or customer requirements prior to the sale.
2. Confirm destination information	2.1 Ensure buyer's destination Property Identification Code (PIC) is known to the saleyard operators.
3. Check the National Vendor Declaration (NVD)	3.1 Determine whether the mob is vendor-bred or non-vendor-bred. 3.2 Conduct <i>additional required checks for non-vendor bred sheep.</i>
4. Complete purchase	4.1 Confirm all required documentation is completed correctly. 4.2 Complete purchase according to enterprise requirements.
5. Secure Post Sale Summary (PSS) or buyer's reconciliation report	5.1 Check PSS for consistency with purchase decisions. 5.2 Confirm that all National Vendor Declarations (NVDs) from which stock have been sourced are held by the agent. 5.3 Obtain hard copies if required. 5.4 Ensure PSS lists of mobs purchased are transferred to abattoir Property Identification Code (PIC) via NLIS account within the legal timeframe. 5.5 Take corrective action as appropriate.
6. Notify receiving plant of stock transfer details	6.1 Communicate stock transfer information according to workplace requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

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

Required skills include:

Ability to:

- read and interpret a vendor declaration
- read and interpret an NVD
- read and interpret a PSS
- use communication skills to interact with agents, raise and explain issues and problems
- use negotiation skills to resolve issues such as problems with original location, incomplete NVDs or PICs
- use mathematical skills to validate data on PSS
- take action to improve work performance as a result of self-evaluation, feedback from others, or in response to changed work practices or technology
- take appropriate steps to minimise **workplace health and safety risks** when working with livestock
- work effectively as an individual and as part of a team.

Required knowledge includes:

Knowledge of:

- the NLIS system, including the origin and nature of the system, its commercial importance, role in food safety and importing country requirements, role in traceability
- NLIS regulatory requirements in relation to producers, agents, saleyards and abattoirs
- purpose, nature of and regulations underpinning the use of PICs
- role and responsibilities of regulators, and other bodies such as Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) in relation to NLIS
- status, abbreviations and what they mean, and the required actions to be taken in response
- how to deal with problems of consignment PIC.

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	Assessment must confirm the ability to: • view and assess pre-sale information • confirm destination information • check the NVD • complete purchase • secure PSS or buyer's reconciliation report • notify receiving plant of stock transfer details Assessment must confirm knowledge of: • the role of the NVD • the NLIS system, including the origin and nature of the system, its commercial importance, role in food safety and importing country requirements, role in traceability • NLIS regulatory requirements in relation to abattoirs • purpose, nature of and regulations underpinning the use of PICs • role and responsibilities of producers, agents, saleyards and abattoirs • role and responsibilities of regulators and other bodies such as MLA in relation to NLIS • status, abbreviations and what they mean, and the required actions to be taken in response • how to deal with problems of consignment PIC.

Context of and specific resources for assessment	Assessment must be conducted in the workplace. Resources may include: • enterprise work instructions • Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) NLIS assistance • manufacturer's instructions.
Method of assessment	The following assessment methods are suggested: • workplace referee's report • knowledge test • on-the-job demonstration with assessor observation. 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

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>Additional required checks for non-vendor bred sheep</i>	• recording PICs printed on the tags • recording information from post-breeder tags applied by the saleyard.
<i>Workplace health and safety risks</i> when working with livestock may include:	• zoonotic diseases such as Q-Fever • manual handling risks • risk of injury from livestock • risk of sunburn • working from heights such as stock trucks and stockyards • requirements to wear specified Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) • being aware of and managing risks affecting co-workers • risks associated with the use of electrical equipment.

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.

Custom Content Section

Not applicable.