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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
1	MTM11v3	Initial release.

Unit Descriptor

This Unit covers the skills and knowledge required to undertake a pre-slaughter check of Post Sale Summaries (PSSs), National Vendor Declarations (NVDs) and Property Identification Codes (PICs) against the mob-based National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database to verify the PICs and confirm eligibility of stock for slaughter.

Application of the Unit

These tasks are typically undertaken by a Quality Assurance manager or a livestock clerk reporting to a Quality Assurance manager. The work is undertaken prior to the preparation of a kill sheet to ensure that stock are eligible for slaughter according to regulatory and workplace requirements.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

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

Pre-Requisites

MTMP3108A	Overview of the NLIS for sheep and goats
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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. Log-in to NLIS database	1.1 Access NLIS database. 1.2 Troubleshoot accessing issues.
2. Review NVDs	2.1 Review the NVDs against regulatory, market and workplace requirements.
3. Check PICs against the NLIS database	3.1 Enter PICs to be checked against NLIS Database. 3.2 Identify any invalid PICs and implement response action according to workplace procedures. 3.3 Store records of checks according to workplace requirements.
4. Implement response to any stock not eligible for slaughter	4.1 Inform appropriate Quality Assurance, lairage and production staff according to workplace requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

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

Required skills include:

Ability to:

- conduct a PIC enquiry on the NLIS data base to check PIC
- store print outs and electronic records according to workplace requirements
- use communication skills to interact with producers, Quality Assurance and production staff
- use negotiation skills to resolve issues such as invalid PICs and NVD issues
- use mathematical skills to verify stock arriving against number listed on NVD / 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 devices and their purpose and function in the NLIS
- NLIS regulatory requirements in relation to abattoirs
- the purpose and intent of NVDs
- the effect of an Livestock Producer Assurance (LPA) status
- what makes stock ineligible for slaughter
- purpose, nature of and regulations underpinning the use of PICs
- status, abbreviations and what they mean, and the required actions to be taken in response
- how to deal with problems of original location.

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:

- log-in to NLIS data base
- review NVDs
- check PICs against the NLIS data base
- implement response to any stock not eligible for slaughter.

Assessment must confirm 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 devices, their purpose and function in the NLIS
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Context of and specific resources for

Assessment must be conducted in the workplace.

assessment	Resources may include: • enterprise work instructions • Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) NLIS assistance.
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>Workplace health and safety risks</i> when working with livestock may include:	• being aware of and managing risks affecting co-workers • risks associated with the use of electrical equipment.
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Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.

Custom Content Section

Not applicable.