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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 National Vendor Declarations (NVDs) and Property Identification Codes (PICs) against the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database and where appropriate to identify stock with an actual or potential Extended Residue Program (ERP) status.

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 where appropriate stock that have a potential residue issue are dealt with according to regulatory and workplace requirements.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

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

Pre-Requisites

MTMP3109A	Overview of the NLIS program utilising RFIDs
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Employability Skills Information

The 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 and/or Post-Sale Summary (PSS)	2.1 Review the NVDs against regulatory, market and workplace requirements. 2.2 Enter PICs off NVDs into the NLIS Database. 2.3 Print NVDs results and store. 2.4 Review PSSs for any statuses.
3. Check PICs against the NLIS database	3.1 Identify any invalid PICs and implement response action according to workplace procedures. 3.2 Identify relevant Early Warning (EW) status. 3.3 Identify ERP status. 3.4 Identify LPA status. 3.5 Verify Life-Time (LT) status where required. 3.6 Identify test requirements.
4. Implement response to EW or ERP status	4.1 Interpret the requirements for an EW or ERP status. 4.2 Inform appropriate Quality Assurance, lairage and production staff according to workplace requirements.
5. Review status of cattle on an abattoir's PIC	5.1 Access NLIS database where applicable and review the status of cattle on the abattoir PIC.

Required Skills and Knowledge

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

Required skills include:

Ability to:

- interrogate the NLIS database to check PICs, current holdings on abattoir PIC
- store print outs and electronic records according to workplace requirements
- use communication skills to interact with lairage, Quality Assurance and production staff
- use negotiation skills to resolve issues such as problems with original location, incomplete NVDs or Property Identification Codes (PICs)
- 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 regulatory requirements in relation to abattoirs
- NLIS devices including Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFIDs) and boluses, and their purpose and function in the NLIS
- NLIS Database Helpline contact details
- 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, including:
 - purpose and intent of NVDs
 - effect of an LPA status
 - nature of an Early Warning (EW) status
 - workplace response to an EW status
 - nature of an Extended Residue Program (ERP) status
 - regulatory and workplace response to an ERP status.

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 database • review NVDs and/or PSS • check PICs against the NLIS database • implement response to EW or ERP status • review status of cattle on an abattoir's PIC. 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 regulatory requirements in relation to abattoirs • NLIS devices including RFIDs and boluses, and their purpose and function in the NLIS • NLIS Database Helpline contact details • 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, including: • purpose and intent of NVDs • effect of an LPA status • nature of an EW status • workplace response to an EW status

	• nature of an ERP status • regulatory and workplace response to an ERP status.
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 • software and hardware operating 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.

Workplace health and safety risks when working with livestock may include:

- 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.