

Modification history

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 4.0.
Release 1	This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 1.0.

AMPA416	Oversee humane handling of animals
Application	<p>This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to oversee the handling and the slaughtering/euthanising of animals by a range of company personnel and/or government inspection staff to meet regulatory requirements.</p> <p>Ensuring animals are produced, handled and slaughtered humanely is the responsibility of both regulatory authorities and companies. This unit is therefore applicable to meat safety officers, lairage supervisors, Animal Welfare Officers and Quality Assurance (QA) Officers in meat processing establishments, and livestock transport and saleyard staff.</p> <p>This unit must be delivered in the context of Australian meat industry standards and regulations.</p> <p>No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Oversee humane handling of animals	1.1 Identify potential animal welfare risks and existing management procedures 1.2 Identify animal welfare requirements in legislation, regulation and workplace procedures 1.3 Oversee handling of animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements 1.4 Oversee and monitor facilities and procedures for handling and restraining animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements 1.5 Implement corrective actions when handling or facilities are not according to workplace and regulatory requirements
2. Oversee humane euthanasia or slaughter of animals	2.1 Oversee effective restraint and stunning (where applicable), prior to euthanasing or slaughtering of animals to ensure compliance with workplace and regulatory requirements 2.2 Oversee bleeding of animals to ensure compliance with workplace and regulatory requirements 2.3 Oversee monitoring of bleed chain insensibility (where applicable) to ensure compliance with workplace and regulatory requirements
3. Handle contingencies	3.1 Oversee handling of sick or injured stock in accordance with workplace and regulatory requirements 3.2 Oversee handling of wild or uncooperative animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements 3.3 Interpret contingency plans for managing animal welfare issues.

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AMPA416 Oversee humane handling of animals (Release 2)	AMPA411 Oversee humane handling of animals (Release 1)	Performance Criteria 1.4 re-written, 1.5 added, Element 3 deleted, Element 4 renumbered and minor changes to Performance and Knowledge Evidence	Equivalent

Links

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TITLE	Assessment requirements for AMPA416 Oversee humane handling of animals
Performance Evidence	
<p>Evidence must demonstrate the candidate's consistency of performance over time at production speed.</p> <p>The candidate must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explain consequences of incorrect animal handling techniques • explain why correct animal handling helps ensure that meat attains an acceptably low ultimate pH • work effectively as an individual and as part of a team • ensure bruising and/or hide or pelt damage due to livestock handling is minimised • ensure stock handlers remain calm and are not injured or put at risk of injury • ensure stress in animals is minimised through correct handling • identify and apply relevant animal welfare and workplace health and safety requirements • monitor the handling of livestock to ensure minimisation of stress • monitor facilities for handling and restraining livestock • identify sick and injured stock • identify features of effective restraint, stun and bleed and/or oversee humane destruction • monitor effective stunning and bleeding where applicable • monitor humane euthanising of stock • plan stock movement to meet production requirements and minimise stress • use relevant communication skills. 	
Knowledge Evidence	
<p>The candidate must demonstrate a broad factual, technical and theoretical knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regulatory and workplace requirements for the humane handling and slaughtering/euthanising of animals • the impact of stress • animal welfare standards and regulations • strategies to minimise stress to livestock • the stunning and bleeding process and/or humane destruction requirements • causes of ineffective stunning and bleeding • regulatory and workplace requirements for monitoring stunning and bleeding. 	
Assessment Conditions	
<p>Competency must be demonstrated against the current animal welfare codes and regulations. Assessment must involve handling livestock in working stockyards or slaughtering premises. This may take the form of supervising or auditing livestock handling or slaughtering operations.</p> <p>A minimum of three different forms of evidence is required to demonstrate competency.</p> <p>As a minimum, these must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quiz of underpinning knowledge • workplace demonstration • workplace referee or third-party report of performance over time. <p>Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.</p>	
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