Modification history

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

| AMPLSK4X1 | Oversee humane handling of animals |
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| Application | 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.  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.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with state/territory health and safety, food and meat safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Livestock (LSK) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Oversee humane handling of animals | 1.1 Identify animal welfare requirements in legislation, regulation and workplace procedures  1.2 Identify potential animal welfare hazards and existing risk management procedures  1.3 Identify work health and safety hazards and address potential risks  1.4 Oversee handling of animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements  1.5 Oversee and monitor facilities and procedures for handling and restraining animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements  1.6 Implement corrective actions when handling of animals or when facilities are not according to workplace and regulatory requirements |
| 2. Oversee humane euthanasia or slaughter of animals | 2.1 Oversee effective restraint and stunning, 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 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  3.4 Provide feedback to staff about animal handling performance and contingency plans |

| 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. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret workplace documents such as vendor declarations |
| Writing | * Complete workplace forms and reports in paper-based and/or digital formats |
| Oral communication | * Provide feedback to staff about animal handling techniques * Discuss observations with appropriate personnel * Discuss contingency plans and correct animal handling with appropriate personnel |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AMPLSK4X1 Oversee humane handling of animals | AMPA416 Oversee humane handling of animals | Unit code updated.  Performance Criteria clarified.  PC 3.4 added  Assessment requirements clarified. | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AMPLSK4X1 Oversee humane handling of animals |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual has overseen humane handling of animals on at least two occasions, including:   * identified and applying relevant animal welfare and workplace health and safety requirements * ensured that bruising and/or hide or pelt damage due to livestock handling is minimised * ensured stock handlers remain calm and are not injured or put at risk of injury * monitored the handling of livestock to ensure minimisation of stress * monitored facilities for handling and restraining livestock * identified sick and injured stock * identified features of effective restraint, stun and bleed and/or oversee humane destruction * monitored effective stunning and bleeding where applicable * monitored humane euthanising of stock * planned stock movement to meet production requirements and minimise stress * used effective communication skills. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * regulatory and workplace requirements for the humane handling and slaughtering/euthanising of animals * the impact of stress on animals and meat * 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. * impact of stress during handling on the ultimate pH and quality of meat * impact of poor animal handling * workplace procedures for dealing with animal-handling emergencies * enterprise arrangements for emergency kill and humane destruction * regulatory requirements when dealing with animals affected by common and exotic or notifiable diseases including: * animal welfare legislation and regulations * Department of Agriculture and/or state meat authority regulation * company procedures, including any specific workplace requirements. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * in working stockyards or slaughtering premises or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * personal protective clothing and equipment * reporting and monitoring systems * specifications: * workplace policies, procedures, processes and forms * work instructions and standard operating procedures * current animal welfare codes and regulations * relationships: * interactions with work team.   Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. |

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