Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package Version 8.0. |

| AMPQUA4X12 | Specify beef product using AUS-MEAT language |
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| Application | This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to use AUS-MEAT language in defining beef specifications. Satisfactory completion of assessment conducted by AUS-MEAT is required before an individual can gain AUS-MEAT Accreditation for Beef Boning Room Standards Officers. Individuals who have satisfactorily completed AUS-MEAT Accreditation for Beef Boning Room Standards Officers will have satisfied the requirements for this unit of competency.  This unit prepares workers to work with beef cuts, specifications and cutting lines. Individuals will be directly involved in demonstration and explanation of:   * achieving maximum yields and returns * basic anatomy * cutting lines * detecting and recording defects * product description * specifications and verification.   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 apply to this unit at the time of publication |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Quality Assurance (QUA) |

| 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. Identify anatomical features of a beef carcase | 1.1 Identify directions on a carcase using anatomical direction format  1.2 Locate and identify bones relevant to meat specifications in a beef skeleton  1.3 Identify major muscles relevant to meat specifications  1.4 Identify major glands and cartilage relevant to meat specifications |
| 2. Identify and name meat products using the standard product description | 2.1 Identify the nature and format of product specifications  2.2 Use standardised cut descriptions for naming meat products  2.3 Identify major muscles that make up each meat cut  2.4 Identify correct cutting lines for each product and use the correct anatomical features to describe them  2.5 Identify necessary alterations for any given meat product to comply with enterprise product specifications |
| 3. Check beef product compliance with written specifications | 3.1 Check beef product compliance with written specifications and describe principles of quality assurance (QA)  3.2 Identify and describe sections of the workplace QA system related to ensuring beef product complies with AUS-MEAT product description requirements  3.3 Define and describe non-conforming products in relation to workplace requirement  3.4 Identify and monitor critical control points (CCPs) in accordance with workplace requirements |
| 4. Assess product compliance | 4.1 Assess product compliance with written specifications in accordance with workplace and AUS-MEAT product description requirements  4.2 Identify and explain product descriptions given in written specifications  4.3 Take corrective action in the event of non-conformance with beef product specifications |
| 5. Measure and check product compliance against written specifications | 5.1 Check cutting lines and muscle content in accordance with written specifications  5.2 Identify non-conforming product that can be altered to comply with relevant specifications |

| 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 | * Access and interpret detail on standard product descriptions for meat * Identify AUS-MEAT language specification on product labels |
| Writing | * Spell standardised cut descriptions correctly |
| Oral communication | * Use industry terminology to describe beef products, including primal cut names |
| Numeracy | * Measure meat products (mm) |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AMPQUA4X12 Specify beef product using AUS-MEAT language | AMPX415 Specify beef product using AUS-MEAT language | Unit code updated.  Performance criteria clarified.  Foundation skills added.  Performance Evidence, Knowledge evidence and Assessment Conditions revised. | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AMPQUA4X12 Specify beef product using AUS-MEAT language |
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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 specified beef products using AUS-MEAT language, products on at least one occasion, including:   * identified anatomical features of the beef carcase * assessed at least ten beef products against AUS-MEAT specifications * undertaken measurements and checked against specification requirements * identified non-conforming products. | |

| 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:   * anatomical features of a beef carcase * beef primal cut names * correct cutting lines products and the correct anatomical terms for describing them * sections of the workplace quality assurance (QA) system related to ensuring beef product compliance with AUS-MEAT product description requirements * corrective action procedures for non-conforming products * product specification points * beef AUS-MEAT language specifications. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated in a meat processing workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * beef carcase * beef products * specifications: * AUS-MEAT beef product descriptions * standard AUS-MEAT assessment * workplace procedures, including advice on safe work practices, meat safety and quality.   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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