

Meat Processing Project



Summary of Feedback, Responses and Actions

4 April 2019

This project included the development of thirteen new units of competency and three skill sets within the *AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package*. Drafts were developed as a result of initial input from Subject Matter Experts and were made available for broader stakeholder consultation and feedback from 1-19 November 2018. The drafts were then revised and available again for validation and comment from 9 – 23 January 2019.

The final drafts then underwent an independent quality assurance process where it was identified by the project team, and supported by the Meat IRC, that major edits were recommended to be made to two further units of competency. As such, these two units have been added to the project scope (further details in the bullet points below). The unit for developing and implementing a TACCP and VACCP plan also had further changes made since validation which required further consultation to ensure it is in line with industry requirements. All three draft units and made available for further feedback between 12-26 March 2019.

The three units and their edits are summarised below:

- AMPX429 Develop and implement a TACCP and VACCP plan – this unit is intended to be a cross-sector unit, so the requirement in the assessment conditions that ‘skills must be demonstrated in an operating meat processing plant’ was removed. The wording for Performance Criteria (PC) 3.4 was changed slightly to replace ‘Develop’ with ‘Implement’, in relation to ‘implementing a food fraud mitigation plan to specify the methods of controlling food fraud vulnerabilities’.
- AMPA411 (Now AMPA416) Oversee humane handling of animals – PC 1.4 was updated to include the word ‘monitor’, to become ‘Oversee and monitor facilities and procedures for handling and restraining animals according to workplace and regulatory requirements’; a new PC was added for ‘Implement corrective actions when handling or facilities are not according to workplace and regulatory requirements’; the Element for overseeing facilities, equipment and people involved with the handling of animals was deleted; and where applicable to Performance Evidence requirements, ‘monitor effective stunning and bleeding where applicable’ has been added; ‘the impact of stress’ has also been added as a Knowledge evidence requirement.
- AMPA412 (Now AMPA417) Conduct an animal welfare audit of a meat processing plant – it was recommended that the prerequisite unit be changed from the superseded MTMP2010A Apply animal welfare and handling requirements to the more recent AMPA2006 Apply animal welfare and handling requirements.

Feedback was received from two organisations, a registered training organisation, and a state government body.

As a direct result of feedback received, one change was made to the documents under review. This change is:

- AMPA416 Oversee humane handling of animals – Performance Criteria (PC) 1.5 ‘Implement corrective actions when handling or facilities are not according to workplace and regulatory requirements’ has been reworded to ‘Implement corrective actions when handling of animals or when facilities are not according to workplace and regulatory requirements’, for greater clarity.

Below is a summary of the issues raised and how these issues have been dealt with. This involves consideration of the information provided, views of industry stakeholders where known, and views provided by the people who are part of the Subject Matter Expert Working Group process. Resolutions are constructed to take into account the needs and views of stakeholders, to the extent possible, and to comply with the *Standards for Training Package 2012*. The resolutions may represent a compromise on one or more stakeholder views with the aim of a workable outcome for industry, State and Territory Training Authorities (STAs) and training providers.

The documents are now available to view and validate on the [Skills Impact website](#) until 18 April 2019.

Summary of feedback on units of competency

Abattoir Sector units

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
AMPA416 Oversee humane handling of animals		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTO, National 	<p>This is OK but the title does not truly reflect the full content.</p>	<p>After further discussion with the RTO, they said they did not want the title to change, but were noting they felt the unit covered more than was reflected in the title.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government, Western Australia 	<p>The new Performance Criteria (PC) 1.5 states 'Implement corrective actions when handling or facilities are not according to workplace and regulatory requirements'.</p> <p>The representative was not sure what this statement meant. An explanation was provided, and the representative recommended rewording the PC to provide further clarity on the intent of the statement.</p> <p>The suggested rewording was: 'Implement corrective actions when handling animals or when facilities are not according to workplace and regulatory requirements'.</p>	<p>The representative was contacted via email with an explanation of the intent of the statement, They then recommended a slight rewording of PC 1.5 to make the intent clearer.</p> <p>Adopted, PC 1.5 has been reworded to 'Implement corrective actions when handling of animals or when facilities are not according to workplace and regulatory requirements'.</p>
AMPA417 Conduct an animal welfare audit of a meat processing plant		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTO, National 	<p>No issues OK</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government, Western Australia 	Edits make sense	Comments noted.

Cross Sector unit

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
AMPX429 Develop and implement a TACCP and VACCP plan		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTO, National 	We feel this unit is at level V.	Comments noted. When the unit was developed the technical advisory committee determined the unit was appropriate for level 4, which was then confirmed by a validation panel. The subsequent change to remove the requirements that 'skills must be demonstrated in an operating meat processing plant' from the assessment conditions in this unit did not affect the AQF level. The unit is designed for supervisors, the duties of which typically align with the criteria of AQF level 4 criteria. The unit does not require the level of analysis, autonomy or specialised/paraprofessional knowledge that might be expected at AQF level 5.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government, Western Australia 	Edits make sense	Comments noted.