Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package release 9.0. |

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| AMPLSK2X01 | Prepare animals for slaughter |
| Application | This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to manage and handle animals in lairage prior to slaughter.  This unit applies to animal handlers who work under general supervision at a meat processing premises.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.  Mandatory workplace requirements apply to the assessment of this unit. |
| Pre-requisite 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. Manage animals in lairage | 1.1 Receive animals into lairage according to workplace requirements  1.2 Handle animals in lairage to minimise stress  1.3 Take action where animal injuries, or animal welfare issues are identified, following regulatory and workplace requirements  1.4 Provide animals with water and food where required  1.5 Maintain records of animal movement around premises for traceability, following workplace requirements  1.6 Handle animals following workplace health and safety requirements including use of personal protective equipment  1.7 Maintain good housekeeping in yards  1.8 Report maintenance issues following workplace requirements |
| 2. Present animals for slaughter | 2.1 Identify animals for slaughter following workplace requirement  2.2 Present animals for slaughter with the correct ante mortem card, where required  2.3 Present animals for slaughter at a rate to maintain the flow of production following workplace requirements  2.4 Present animals for slaughter in a suitable condition to maintain the standards of product  2.5 Present animals for slaughter following workplace, animal welfare and workplace health and safety requirements |
| 3. Maintain flow and order of animals | 3.1 Make animals available to meet start-up times  3.2 Maintain flow and order of animals according to start-up times and production speed requirements |

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| 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. | |
| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Review animal records |
| Writing | * Keep accurate animal receival records, which may be in digital format |
| Oral communication | * Work cooperatively with other animal handlers and supervisor |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current release | Code and title previous release | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AMPLSK2X01 Prepare animals for slaughter | AMPA2000 Prepare animals for slaughter | Unit code updated  Unit sector code added  Unit application updated  Minor updates to Performance Criteria  Foundation skills added  Assessment requirements reworded for clarity  Mandatory workplace requirements clarified | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AMPLSK2X01 Prepare animals for slaughter |
| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  The assessor must observe the individual managing a complete movement of one mob or lot from unloading area to a pen then through laneways, forcing pens and up to the race prior to slaughter. This may be completed over more than one assessment activity.  There must also be evidence that the individual has completed 2 shifts on the job, fulfilling workplace requirements (these shifts may include normal rotations into and out of the relevant work task).  Mandatory workplace requirements  All performance evidence specified above must be demonstrated in a meat processing premises. | |

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| Knowledge Evidence |
| 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:   * workplace requirements for preparing animals for slaughter * normal animal behaviour and movement * how to handle animals without causing stress, which in turn makes them easier to move * how animals are prioritised for slaughter * signs of vulnerability in animals * the requirement that animals have freedom to move and access to water when being held in pens * the impact of stress and injury on meat quality * workplace health and safety hazards associated with handling animals in lairage and methods to control risks * workplace standard operating procedures and work instructions for animal handling * animal welfare requirements * the importance of meeting production start-up times and maintaining production speed requirements, while not jeopardising animal welfare * workplace animal identification system and required tasks * the importance of being able to trace an animal from paddock to plate, and the traceability systems in place to ensure this occurs * how to deal with sick and injured animals. |

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| Assessment Conditions |
| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions:   *skills must be demonstrated when moving animals to supply normal production requirements in a meat processing premises*   * resources, equipment and materials:   *animal record system*  *personal protective equipment*  *animals for slaughter*   * specifications:   *task-related documents*  *animal welfare requirements*   * personnel:   *animal handlers and workplace supervisor or mentor.*  Assessment for this unit must include at least three forms of evidence.  Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.  **Mandatory workplace requirements**  Mandatory workplace requirements are shown in *italic* text. Refer to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide for further information. |

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