

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the Animal Welfare Act in a primary industry operation		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of: animal welfare legislative requirements; and good practice in animal welfare in a primary industry operation.
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Classification	Primary Sector > Primary Sector Core Skills
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Animal Products Act 1999;
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Animal Welfare (Commercial Slaughter) Code of Welfare 2018;
 - Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations 2018;
 - Animal Welfare (Export of Livestock for Slaughter) Regulations 2016; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Resource documents may include but are not limited to welfare codes available from the Ministry of Primary Industries at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/codes-of-welfare/>.
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/codes-of-welfare/>.
Legal overviews, available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/legal-overviews/animal-welfare/animal-welfare-regulations>.
Caring for bobby calves being transported for processing, available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/11881-caring-for-bobby-calves-being-transported-for-processing>.
Sheep and beef cattle, available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1450-sheep-and-beef-cattle-animal-welfare-code-of-welfare>.
Transport within New Zealand, available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1407-transport-within-new-zealand-animal-welfare-code-of-welfare>.
Commercial slaughter, available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1409-commercial-slaughter-animal-welfare-code-of-welfare>.
Regulation 53 – Castrating cattle beasts and sheep, available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1443/send>.
Painful husbandry procedures, Code of Welfare (Oct 2018), available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1443/send>.

Processing and Handling: food safety in manufacturing available from the Ministry of Primary Industries at <http://foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/sectors/>.

3 Definition

Organisational requirements – instructions to staff on policies and procedures that are documented in memo, electronic, or manual format and available in the workplace.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of animal welfare legislative requirements in a primary industry operation.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify requirements of own role in terms of Animal Welfare legislation.
- Range may include but is not limited to – Animal Welfare Amendment Act 2015, Animal Welfare (Export of Livestock for Slaughter) Regulations 2016, Animal Welfare (Care and Procedures) Regulations 2018, Animal Welfare (Commercial Slaughter) Code of Welfare 2018.
- 1.2 Identify obligations of owners and people responsible for the care of animals (persons in charge of animals (PICAs)) under Animal Welfare legislation.
- 1.3 Identify and describe different views on animal welfare that exist within the community.
- Range different views may include but are not limited to – animal rights groups, industry associations, consumers; evidence of three is required.
- 1.4 Describe the importance of animal welfare in terms of the implications for a primary industry operation.
- Range implications may include but are not limited to – ethics, public opinion, marketing, market access, economic impacts; evidence of four is required.
- 1.5 Describe the minimum standards of the codes of welfare relevant to own role.
- Range may include but are not limited to – transport of animals, caring for bobby calves being transported, sheep and beef cattle, commercial slaughter, food safety, handling of injured animals for treatment; evidence of four is required.
- 1.6 Describe the five freedoms specified under the Animal Welfare Amendment Act 2015.

- 1.7 Describe the consequences of failing to comply with the relevant animal welfare legislation in terms of enforcement and penalties.
- 1.8 Describe two actions an individual can take if they suspect a possible animal welfare issue exists in terms of legislative requirements.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of good practice in animal welfare in a primary industry operation.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify and describe the five freedoms under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 in terms of their impact on own role.
- 2.2 Describe an unsatisfactory physical, health, or behavioural needs situation for an animal in terms of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

 Range situations include but are not limited to – illness, injury, environment, pain and/or suffering; evidence of three is required.
- 2.3 Describe the process of recognising a possible breach of animal welfare good practice in accordance with organisational requirements.

 Range process includes but is not limited to – personal examination of animal(s), complaints received.
- 2.4 Identify and describe reportable conditions in terms of animal welfare legislation.

 Range may include but not limited to – fails to comply, in relation to an animal with section 10 and/or section 11 of the animal welfare act 1999, failure to alleviate suffering of pain and distress, pain and distress caused during the killing of an animal, abandonment of an animal; evidence of two examples is required.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Primary Industry Training Organisation standards@primaryito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.