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| Title | Demonstrate knowledge of livestock emergency slaughter in a meat processing operation | | |
| Level | 3 | Credits | 5 |

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| Purpose | <p>This unit standard is for people working in the stock yards or holding areas in meat processing plants that may be required to undertake emergency slaughter of livestock under supervision of a veterinarian due to distress, disease, or injury.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of the requirements for livestock emergency slaughter; and the methods used for livestock emergency slaughter, in a meat processing operation.</p> |
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| Classification | Meat Processing > Pre and Post Slaughter and Dressing |
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| Available grade | Achieved |
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Guidance Information

- Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Arms Act 1983;
 - Biosecurity Act 1993;
 - and any subsequent amendments.
- Resource documents include but are not limited to – *Industry Standard 4 – Procurement of Animals for Food; Code of Practice Red Meat: Slaughter and Dressing, Chapter 5*, available from the Ministry for Primary Industries at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/food-business/meat-game-processing-requirements/>.
- Definitions

Operator – the candidate being assessed against this unit standard.

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

Stock may include but is not limited to – bobby calves, cattle, sheep and lambs, deer, pigs, goats, horses, other animals used in the meat processing sector.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the requirements for livestock emergency slaughter in a meat processing operation.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe emergencies requiring stock to be slaughtered in terms of legislative requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – humane reasons, safe handling.
- 1.2 Explain animal welfare requirements for dying or condemned stock in terms of humane treatment.
- Range requirements include but are not limited to – overcrowding, movement, minimum force, restraint.
- 1.3 Explain the requirements for disposal of stock slaughtered due to an emergency in terms of organisational and legislative requirements.
- 1.4 Describe sanitation of the emergency slaughter site in terms of organisational and legislative requirements.
- 1.5 Describe recording of slaughtered stock in terms of organisational requirements.
- 1.6 Describe denaturing of stock slaughtered due to an emergency in terms of organisational requirements.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the methods used for livestock emergency slaughter in a meat processing operation.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe equipment used to slaughter stock as a result of an emergency in terms of organisational requirements.
- Range equipment may include but is not limited to – rifle, captive bolt.
- 2.2 Explain the use and positioning of emergency slaughter equipment for the type and class of livestock in terms of organisational requirements.
- Range may include but is not limited to – cattle, sheep, pigs, deer.

- 2.3 Identify and describe two methods of restraint in terms of equipment and operator safety.

Range may include but is not limited to – headbail, chute, holding crate, small pen, halter.

- 2.4 Describe signs of effective emergency slaughter in accordance with legislative requirements.

- 2.5 Explain use of emergency slaughter equipment in terms of operator legislative requirements.

Range requirements include but are not limited to – firearms licence, lockable cabinet, segregation of equipment.

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| Replacement information | This unit standard and unit standards 23353 and 21325 were replaced by skill standard 40397. |
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This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

| Process | Version | Date | Last Date for Assessment |
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| Registration | 1 | 21 August 2009 | 31 December 2018 |
| Review | 2 | 27 January 2015 | 31 December 2021 |
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| Review | 4 | 24 October 2019 | 31 December 2027 |
| Review | 5 | 27 March 2025 | 31 December 2027 |

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| Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference | 0033 |
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.