Title	Use and maintain hand knives in a primary products food processing operation		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: maintain hand knives; and cut product in a primary products food processing operation.	
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Classification	Primary Products Food Processing > Primary Products Food Processing - Operational Skills	
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Available grade	Achieved	at x

Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 All performance criteria in this unit standard must be in accordance with organisational requirements.
- 3 Definitions

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

Steel – the process of using a sharpening tool to maintain the edge of a knife. *Stone* – the process of using a grinding stone or similar tool to reshape the edge of a knife.

4 Range

Primary products food processing operation may include – meat processing and meat manufactured products, dairy processing, seafood or baking yeasts manufacturing.

5 Evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from within the workplace.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Maintain hand knives in a primary products food processing operation.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Steel knives during runs to retain a sharp edge.
- 1.2 Stone knives when necessary between runs to retain a sharp edge.
- 1.3 Keep knives free of all contaminants.
- 1.4 Complete cutting work using the correct bevel without the use of excessive force or damage to the blade.
- 1.5 Clean knives and evaluate sharpness, and document results.
- 1.6 Carry and store blades without damage and wearing correct safety equipment.
- 1.7 Replace knives when worn, unsafe, and no longer appropriate for the job being done.
- 1.8 Maintain knife handles in safe and hygienic condition.
- 1.9 Use knife maintenance techniques in a manner that avoids risk of injury to the operator and other workers.

Outcome 2

Cut product in a primary products food processing operation.

Range evidence for one cut used in the learner's workplace is required.

Performance criteria

2.1 Use a knife to cut product.

Replacement information	This unit standard and unit standard 28267 were replaced by skill standard 40400.
	This unit standard replaced unit standard 2503.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	27 January 2015	31 December 2021
Review	2	24 October 2019	31 December 2027
Review	3	27 March 2025	31 December 2027

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