Title	Demonstrate understanding of ante-mortem examination of animals used for animal consumption		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	This unit standard is for people who are employed in a meat processing operation to carry out ante-mortem examination of animals used for animal consumption. People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the purpose and procedures for ante-mortem examination of animals; the characteristics of animals not fit for purpose; the requirements for farmed animals approved for slaughter; the obligations of examiners when carrying out ante-mortem examinations. They are also able to identify normal and abnormal states of raw materials for petfood processing at post-mortem examination.

Classification	Meat Processing > Animal Product Examination

Available grade	Achieved

Guidance Information

1   Demonstration of competency must be consistent with all relevant legislation and subsequent amendments; this includes but is not limited to:
   - Animal Products Act 1999
   - Animal Welfare Act 1999
   - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
   - Legislative requirements for animal product examiners
   - Workplace procedures

2   Legislative requirements refer to:
   - *Animal Products: Specifications for Products Intended for Animal Consumption Notice,* Ministry for Primary Industries, available at http://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/animal-products-act-notices/
   - Ministry of Primary Industries Operational Code Petfood Processing – https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/23965/sitemap

3   Definitions
   Animals – for the purpose of this unit standard *animals* refer to animals slaughtered for pet food including mammals, birds, and poultry.
   Examiners – ante-mortem examiners and post-mortem examiners.
   Workplace procedures – the verbal and written policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by the employer or organisation.

4   In the context of this unit standard, *understanding* means that there should be evidence of a learner's thorough comprehension of a topic. A learner with a good understanding of a topic should have applied or should be able to apply what they have learnt to a workplace situation and will be able to alter their practices to the different contexts they are applying their learning to. Assessors should be confident that the learner's understanding is embedded in their practices and behaviour.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the purpose and procedures for ante-mortem examination of animals.

Performance criteria

1.1   The purpose of ante-mortem examination as defined by applicable legislative requirements is described.

1.2   Applicable legislative requirements for ante-mortem examination are described.

1.3   Procedures for reporting and recording defects identified during ante-mortem examination according to industry standards are described.

Outcome 2

Describe the characteristics of animals not fit for purpose.

Performance criteria

2.1   The appearance and behaviour of at least seven not fit for purpose animals are described.

Outcome 3

Describe the requirements for farmed animals approved for slaughter.

Performance criteria

3.1   The conditions required for animals to be eligible for humane slaughter according to applicable legislative requirements are described.

        Range   at least nine conditions.

3.2   Guidelines that determine an animal does not meet the criteria for humane slaughter are described.

3.3   Guidelines for abnormalities, disease, and defects in animals that must be excluded from petfood are described.

3.4   The legality associated with the acceptance of, and hazards associated with, animals that have died in the field are described.

Outcome 4

Describe the obligations of examiners when carrying out ante-mortem examinations.

Performance criteria

4.1   The obligations of examiners when carrying out ante-mortem examinations are described.

4.2   The relationship between the requirements of a risk management programme and the functions of examiners are described.

4.3   Regulatory responses for non-compliance with the Animal Products Act 1999, a minimum of four are described.

Outcome 5

Identify normal and abnormal states of raw materials for petfood processing at post-mortem examination.

Performance criteria

5.1   Normal and abnormal appearances in offal in terms of fitness for processing are identified.

5.2   Normal and abnormal appearances of dressed carcasses in terms of fitness for processing are described.

5.3   Communication of findings to the processing plant is described.

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

Comments on this unit standard

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