Title	**Demonstrate understanding of ante-mortem examination of rabbits used for human consumption**		
Level	**3**	**Credits**	**5**

Purpose	This unit standard is for people who are employed in a rabbit processing operation to carry out ante-mortem examinations of rabbits used for human consumption. People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of: the purpose of ante-mortem examination and the presentation standards for rabbits presented for ante-mortem examination; the equipment, requirements, and procedures to perform ante-mortem examination; the characteristics of healthy rabbits; and the Animal Products Act as it applies to ante-mortem examination of rabbits.

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:
- Workplace procedures
- Industry standards
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Animal Products Act 1999
- Animal Welfare Act 1999
- Meat Act 1981.

2 Industry standards refer to:
- Ministry for Primary Industries' Technical Directive TD 02/105 – Inspection Requirements for Rabbits, Hares and Possums http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/general/animal-products/omar-notifications/02-105.htm
- Official Assurances Programme (OAP)
- Overseas market access requirements (OMARs).

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.
RMP – risk management programme.
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

Demonstrate understanding of the purpose of, and the presentation standards for, rabbits presented for ante-mortem examination.

Performance criteria

1.1 Describe the purpose of ante-mortem examination of rabbits as defined by industry standards.

1.2 Describe the industry presentation standards and requirements for rabbits presented for ante-mortem examination.

Range at least two industry presentation standards.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate understanding of the equipment, requirements, and procedures to perform ante-mortem examination of rabbits.

Performance criteria

2.1 Describe the use of equipment required to carry out ante-mortem examination.

2.2 Describe the industry standards for ante-mortem examination.

2.3 Describe the procedures for ante-mortem examination.

2.4 Describe the procedure for reporting and recording defects identified during ante-mortem examination.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate understanding of the characteristics of healthy rabbits.

Performance criteria

3.1 Identify and describe the appearance and behaviour of a healthy rabbit.

Range at least five features of good health.

Outcome 4

Demonstrate understanding of the Animal Products Act as it applies to ante-mortem examination of rabbits.

Performance criteria

4.1 Describe the object of the Animal Products Act in relation to ante-mortem examination.

4.2 Describe the role of RMPs in primary processing and secondary processing.

4.3 Describe the relevance of risk factors for ante-mortem examination.

4.4 Describe the duties of personnel under an RMP.

Range examples of personnel – RMP operators, day-to-day managers of RMPs, external verifiers.

4.5 Describe the subordinate legislation and industry standards relevant to ante-mortem examination.

4.6 Describe regulatory responses for non-compliance with the legislation.

Range at least four responses.

4.7 Describe the legislative and organisational requirements for export requirements that apply to ante-mortem examination.

Range examples – OMARs, OAP, external verification.

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Comments on this unit standard

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