

Title	Demonstrate understanding of post-mortem examination of rabbit products used for human consumption		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	<p>This entry-level unit standard is for people who are employed in a rabbit processing operation to carry out post-mortem examinations of rabbit products used for human consumption.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of: anatomical features of rabbit viscera and carcasses; the purpose of rabbit products post-mortem examination, and the examination techniques and presentation standards used in post-mortem examination; the causes and the spread of disease within the body of a rabbit; the disease states and their effect on the fitness for intended purpose of rabbit products; the post-mortem appearance and the judgement and dispositions for diseases and defects generic to rabbits; and the powers and obligations of examiners when carrying out rabbit material and rabbit product examinations.</p>
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Classification	Meat Processing > Animal Product Examination
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Available grade	Achieved
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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
 - 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>.
- 3 Definitions

Dispositions – the action of ensuring that examined rabbit material or rabbit product with abnormalities is managed in accordance with legislative requirements.

Examiners – ante-mortem examiners and post-mortem examiners.

Fitness for intended purpose – rabbit product that has been processed such that relevant risk factors have been managed.

Official Assessors – ante-mortem examiners and post-mortem examiners appointed under Section 79 of the Animal Products Act 1999 to carry out rabbit material and rabbit product examinations.

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 anatomical features of rabbit viscera and carcasses

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify and locate at least five internal anatomical features of rabbit viscera.
- 1.2 Locate and identify at least four anatomical features of the rabbit carcass.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate understanding of the purpose of rabbit product post-mortem examination, and the examination techniques used in post-mortem examination.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe the purpose of post-mortem rabbit product examination.
- 2.2 Describe at least four techniques for rabbit product post-mortem examination according to industry standards.
- 2.3 Describe industry presentation standards for rabbit products for post-mortem examination.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate understanding of the causes and the spread of disease within the body of a rabbit.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe the physical, biological, and chemical causes of disease.
- 3.2 Describe the ways in which pathogens invade the body.
- 3.3 Describe the disease indicator systems for spread of disease in a rabbit.

Outcome 4

Demonstrate understanding of the disease states and their effect on the fitness for intended purpose of rabbit products.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Describe the localised, generalised, actively progressive, systemic, acute, chronic and resolution disease states.
- 4.2 Describe the effects of at least three disease states on the fitness for intended purpose of rabbit products and their impact on the sale of the final product.

Outcome 5

Demonstrate understanding of the post-mortem appearance, and the judgement and dispositions for diseases and defects generic to rabbits.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 Describe the normal appearances of finished product dressed carcasses.
- 5.2 Describe the status of post-mortem appearances of all generic diseases.

Range examples – acute, actively progressive, chronic, localised, systemic, generalised or resolved.
- 5.3 Describe the legislative and organisational requirements for judgements and dispositions for listed diseases and defects.

Outcome 6

Demonstrate understanding of the powers and obligations of examiners when carrying out rabbit material and rabbit product examinations.

Range examples of examiners – Official Assessors, ante-mortem examiners and post-mortem examiners.

Performance criteria

- 6.1 Describe the powers of examiners when carrying out rabbit material and rabbit product examinations.
- 6.2 Describe the obligations of examiners appointed under the Animal Products Act 1999 when carrying out rabbit material and product examinations in relation to their regulatory powers.

6.3 Describe the relationship between a risk management programme and the functions of examiners.

Range examples of relationships include but are not limited to – Ministry for Primary Industries, MPI Verification Services, Animal Products Act 1999, Animal Product Regulations, Notices, Codes of Practice.

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Comments on this unit standard

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