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| Title | Complete ante-mortem examination of pigs used for human consumption | | |
| Level | 4 | Credits | 5 |

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| Purpose | <p>This unit standard is for people who are employed in a meat processing operation to carry out ante-mortem examinations of pigs used for human consumption.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to describe requirements for handling pigs in a meat processing operation; examine pigs in enclosures in a meat processing operation; detect and determine the diseases and defects found at ante-mortem examination of pigs and apply dispositions.</p> |
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| Classification | Meat Processing > Animal Product Examination |
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| Available grade | Achieved |
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| Prerequisite | Unit standard 30314, <i>Complete post-mortem examination of pigs used for human consumption</i> , or similar skills and knowledge as approved by the Ministry of Primary Industries. |
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Guidance Information

1 Legislation and references

Demonstration of competency for all outcomes 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
- Industry standards
- Workplace procedures.

2 Industry standards refer to:

- Ministry for Primary Industries' Operational Codes available at [Codes of Practice documents | NZ Government \(mpi.govt.nz\)](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/codes-of-practice/)
- Ministry for Primary Industries' standards available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/>
- Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs).

3 Definitions

Dispositions – action of ensuring examined animal material that has abnormalities is managed in accordance with legislative requirements.

Workplace procedures – the verbal and written procedures on safety and operation set down by the employer or organisation.

4 Assessment

In the context of this unit standard, the term *describe* means the learner can demonstrate this knowledge using a variety of means (written, diagrams, showing the assessor, verbal) provided there is documented evidence. 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.

5 Diseases requiring report are those listed in the Ministry for Primary Industries' Notifiable Organisms list, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/finding-and-reporting-pests-and-diseases/registers-and-lists/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe requirements for handling pigs in a meat processing operation.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Features of enclosures that inhibit stock handling and movement are described.
- 1.2 Techniques for safely handling and moving animals in enclosures are described.
- 1.3 Behaviours exhibited by sick or injured animals when moving are described.
- 1.4 Techniques that enhance operator safety in enclosures are described.

Outcome 2

Examine pigs in enclosures in a meat processing operation.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Animals are examined consistent with ante-mortem examination procedures.
- 2.2 Ante-mortem examination equipment is prepared and used.

Outcome 3

Detect and determine the diseases and defects found at ante-mortem examination of pigs and apply dispositions.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Diseases and defects are detected and determined during ante-mortem examination.
- 3.2 Dispositions to inspected animals are applied.

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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>.

Comments on this unit standard

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