

Title	Complete post-mortem examination of small mammals used for human consumption		
Level	4	Credits	16

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people who are employed in a meat processing operation to carry out post-mortem examination of small mammals used for human consumption.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to describe preparation to perform post-mortem examination of small mammals for human consumption; perform post-mortem examination including pre-processing checks of small mammals for human consumption; and, identify the diseases and defects found at post-mortem examination of small mammals and apply the disposition.</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 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/](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/standards/)
 - Overseas Market Access Requirements (OMARs).
- 3 Definitions**
Dispositions – action of ensuring that examined animal material or animal product with abnormalities is managed in accordance with legislative requirements.
Small mammals – includes but not limited to possum, rabbit, hare, or guinea pig.
Workplace procedures – the verbal and written policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by the employer or organisation.

- 4 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. Diseases requiring report in this unit standard are those listed in the Ministry for Primary Industries' Notifiable Organisms list, available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/registers/no>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe preparation to perform post-mortem examination of small mammals for human consumption.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The equipment used and resources available, and its purpose, for post-mortem examination of small mammals for human consumption are described.
- 1.2 Pre-sorting and pre-processing checks requirements for small mammals for human consumption which are hunted not farmed are described.
- 1.3 The required inspection procedures on small mammals for human consumption are described.
- Range includes but is not limited to – view, incise and palpate.
- 1.4 Lot selection procedures including requirements for lot failure are described.
- 1.5 Different disposition criteria are described.
- Range includes but is not limited to – human consumption, animal consumption, sample for further analysis, remove/condemn.

Outcome 2

Perform post-mortem examination including pre-processing checks of small mammals for human consumption.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Animal product pre-processing checks where small mammals are hunted and not farmed are performed.
- 2.2 Animal product post-mortem examination procedures are performed according to industry standards.
- Range includes but is not limited to – safe handling and maintenance of a knife, applicable hygiene practices, use of personal protective equipment, view/incise/palpate animal products required for post-mortem examination.

Outcome 3

Identify the diseases and defects found at post-mortem examination of small mammals and apply the disposition.

Performance criteria

3.1 Diseases in small mammals which effect the intended fitness for purpose of the animal products are identified.

Range includes but is not limited to – the disposition criteria and regulatory recording requirements for small mammals for human consumption.

3.2 Dispositions to inspected animal products 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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