Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package release 9.0. |

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| AMPCRP217 | Remove spinal cord |
| Application | This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to remove the spinal cord from carcases after splitting, manually or with the aid of mechanical cutting equipment, depending on the scale and make up of the meat processing premises.  This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision in meat processing premises, who are responsible for removing spinal cords and dura mater to meet specifications.  Individuals using a knife for this task are expected to already have the ability to apply safe knife handling and maintenance practices consistent with workplace health and safety requirements.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and food safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.  Mandatory workplace requirements apply to the assessment of this unit. |
| Pre-requisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Carcase Processing (CRP) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Prepare to remove spinal cord | 1.1 Identify work instruction and any customer specifications for removing spinal cord from carcase  1.2 Identify equipment required for task  1.3 Identify quality assurance and workplace health and safety requirements for task, including personal protective equipment  1.4 Identify requirements for Specified Risk Materials |
| 2. Take spinal cord out of split carcase | 2.1 Remove spinal cord and dura mater from split carcase following work instructions and any customer specifications  2.2 Monitor removal to meet workplace quality requirements  2.3 Dispose of waste following workplace requirements  2.4 Operate equipment safely following workplace requirements |

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| Foundation Skills  This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria. | |
| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret key elements of workplace instructions |
| Oral communication | * Interact with team members to ensure flow of work is maintained |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current release | Code and title previous release | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AMPCRP217 Remove spinal cord | AMPA2049 Remove spinal cord | Unit code updated  Unit sector code added  Unit application updated  Pre-requisite removed  Performance Criteria clarified  Foundation Skills added  Range of Conditions added  Assessment Requirements re-worded for clarity  Mandatory workplace requirements clarified | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AMPCRP217 Remove spinal cord |
| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual has removed the spinal cord and dura mater from large stock carcases after splitting, following workplace requirements, in a micro or larger meat processing premises.  There must also be evidence that the individual has completed two shifts on the job, fulfilling workplace requirements (these shifts may include normal rotations into and out of the relevant work task).  **Mandatory workplace requirements**  All performance evidence specified above must be demonstrated in a meat processing premises. | |

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| Knowledge Evidence |
| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * reasons for the removal of the spinal cord and implications of Specified Risk Materials * workplace requirements for the removal of spinal cord * workplace health and safety requirements for removing spinal cord and dura mater * equipment used for removing spinal cord, which may include rise and fall platform * correct disposal of spinal cord and dura mater. |

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| Assessment Conditions |
| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions:   *skills must be demonstrated in a meat processing premises at workplace production speed*   * resources, equipment and materials:   *personal protective equipment*  *equipment for removing spinal cord*  *split carcases*   * specifications:   *task-related documents*   * personnel:   *access to workplace supervisor or mentor.*  Assessment for this unit must include at least three forms of evidence.  Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.  **Mandatory workplace requirements**  Mandatory workplace requirements are shown in *italic* text. Refer to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide for further information. |

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