Unit of Competency

Functional Area: Sales and Merchandising

Title	Develop products
Code	105320L5
Range	This unit of competency is applicable to practitioners in the import and export industry to conduct product analysis and develop new products.
Level	5
Credit	8 (for reference only)
Competency	Performance Requirement 1. Possess knowledge of product trends • Critically evaluate the product trends • Examine the latest information of product development • Identify the customer needs for product design and cultural trend in the target market 2. Develop products • Screen new product ideas(i.e., an idea for a possible product) to drop poor ideas and pick good ideas • Develop attractive product idea into product concept (i.e., a detailed version of the idea) • Conduct product concept testing with target customers • Design initial marketing strategies based on the new product concept • Conduct business analysis to estimate sales and expected costs for the product • Evaluate the profitability of the product and determine the financial attractiveness of the product • Develop and test the physical version (or prototype) of the product concept • Conduct test marketing, i.e., test the product and the marketing programme (including positioning strategy, advertising, distribution, pricing, branding, and packaging) • Evaluate the results from test marketing and make final decision to introduce the new product into the market 3. Innovate new product • Innovate new products by developing a new product, redesigning a product, or improving a product substantially • Create new products with product benefits that meet customer needs
Assessment Criteria	The integrated outcome requirements of this unit of competency are: • Capable of conducting analysis to develop products • Capable of innovating new products
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