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FACILITY: SON OF A BUTCHER PRIME - HOPEFIELD	DATE: 06 August 2024
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You are hereby warned that:

In light of an inspection conducted on the 5th of August 2024, **the following concerns and contraventions were observed and must be rectified prior to the next slaughter:**

1. Pigs brought in for slaughter had a direct view of the entire slaughter process as the stun box was not concealed.
 - a. The stun box must be constructed in such a way, with solid partitions, that no animal can witness the death of another animal and/or the slaughtering process.
2. The stun box is too big causing the pigs to turn around resulting in ineffective stunning due to misplacement of the tongs; and the sides are too low causing the pigs to jump out and escape the stun box.
 - a. The stun box must be constructed in such a way that the pig/animal can not turn around, aiding in the ease of an effective stun.
 - b. The electric tong terminals must be applied to the head of the animal in such a manner that the current passes through the brain effectively.
 - c. The stun box must be constructed in such a way that the pig/animal can not jump and escape the box.
3. The designated person to stun the pigs was expected to herd pigs into the stun box, the pig was then left inside the stun box for a few minutes before the commencing of the stun as this person had to first scrub back before entering the slaughter area, during this period the pigs appeared to be in distress, with high vocalizations and several attempts to escape the stun box (1x pig did in fact escape).

- a. A designated person, not part of the slaughter team, must be appointed to herd the pigs into the stun box, where the stun and bleeding must commence as soon as possible and without any unnecessary delay.
 - b. No animal may be led into the stun box if the staff are not ready to commence stun and bleeding.
4. Pigs awaiting slaughter were kept in a holding pen without the provision of adequate protection against the weather elements and did not have access to drinking water.
- a. Holding pens must be roofed where pigs, sheep or goats are kept.
 - b. Must be equipped with cold water sprayers for pigs.
 - c. Must be fitted with drinking water.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. A low pressure water spray/mister is to be used to hose the pigs before stunning, instead of the current high pressure hose, as this leads to the pig having a fright and possibly causing distress.
- 2. The nodes on the electric tongs are to be inspected on a daily basis and regularly scrubbed with a metal brush to ensure an accurate electric flow with every stun.

You are reminded to at all times operated within the perimeters of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962, the Meat Safety Act 40 of 2000 with reference to the Red Meat Regulation No. 1072

This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act No 169 of 1993.

Failure to comply with this warning may render you liable for prosecution under the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 and / or Performing Animals Protection Act No 24 of 1935.

Any person who:- obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorised in terms of the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 or conceals any animal shall be guilty of an offence in terms of Section 8(4) of the aforementioned Act.

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