



Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Dierebeskermingsvereniging

WARNING PHJ812553

NAME & SURNAME: Johan Botha DATE: 08/10/2025

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 40 Witbank Road, Sundra, Delmas

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You are hereby warned:

The following welfare and operational non-compliances were observed during the inspection of the facility:

1. Cattle (30 slaughtered)

Observations:

- i. The gridding in the cattle holding area was loose and bent, posing potential risk of injury and reduced stability.
- ii. It was noted that new angle-iron flooring is being installed, which appears more suitable for the holding area.
- iii. The bleed-out time initially fell below the minimum 8-minute requirement, though this was rectified after discussion with the quality controller, Monica.
- iv. Brief vocalization was heard from one cow post-stunning, indicating a possible ineffective stun.

Compliance timelines:

- i. Secure loose gridding in the raceway **immediately** to prevent injury.
- ii. Complete installation of new angle-iron flooring and ensure it is level and properly fitted, **within 31 days**.
- iii. Reinforce staff training on correct procedures for post-stun checks, **immediately**.
- iv. Monitor bleed-out times regularly to ensure compliance, **immediately**. The bleed-out times for cattle must be adhered to, they need to be bled out for 8 minutes before the carcasses are dressed.

2. Sheep (130 slaughtered)

Observations:

- i. Sheep were brought into the stunning area in batches of 4–5, resulting in inconsistent stunning accuracy.
- ii. One sheep was stunned on the eye, and others near the jawline, due to incorrect positioning and stunner calibration.
- iii. The stunner settings were incorrect, but this was rectified once brought under their attention.
- iv. When fewer sheep were brought in, animals exhibited increased agitation and escape attempts, with one sheep who escaped three times and dragged back to the stunning area by its front leg.
- v. On several occasions, sheep that were stunned insufficiently and moved were not re-stunned immediately after, instead the stunner moved onto another sheep.
- vi. Meat hooks were observed falling to the floor due to a broken runner, causing excessive noise and further distress to animals.

Compliance timelines:

- i. Ensure the stunner is calibrated at the **start of each shift** and verified by the quality controller, with **regular spot checks during** slaughter process.
- ii. Maintain batch sizes that minimize stress but allow accurate and efficient stunning, **immediately**.
- iii. Reinforce staff training to ensure immediate re-stunning of any animal showing signs of consciousness, **immediately**.
- iv. Repair or replace the broken hook runner to reduce noise and prevent contamination, **within 7 days**



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- v. The terminals of the electrical stunning apparatus must be applied to the head of the sheep in such a manner that the current passes through the brain, it should not be applied to the sheep's eyes, jaw lines or other body parts. (Due to the number of sheep in the stun box, there were an incidents of sheep being stunned on the eye and the jaw). **This has to be monitored continuously, it is suggested this be done by the Chief Inspector.**
- vi. Animals may not be dragged, lifted, or carried by their head, ears, tails, or legs.

3. Pigs (300 slaughtered)

Observations:

- i. The process ran efficiently overall; however, pigs were kept waiting in direct sunlight, leading to heat exhaustion and sunburn.
- ii. One pig went down due to heat stress and was pulled by the ears while being moved, which is unacceptable handling practice.
- iii. The animal was later cooled with water and moved into shade to recover.

Compliance timelines:

- i. Provide adequate shaded liarages for all pigs awaiting slaughter, **immediately**. Pigs may not be left out in the sun with no shade.
- ii. Reinforce proper handling protocols, ear pulling or dragging is strictly prohibited.
- iii. Introduce a heat management plan to prevent recurrence of such incidents, **within 31 days**

General Recommendations:

- i. Conduct refresher training for all staff involved in handling and stunning on humane slaughter procedures and animal welfare requirements.
- ii. Ensure regular maintenance of all equipment, flooring, and liarages facilities.
- iii. As per the discussion on the sheep holding area for slaughter, make adjustments to ensure this process runs smoother and more humane for both the stunner and the sheep awaiting slaughter.

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.

SIGNED & ACCEPTED BY: Sent Via Email

PLACE: Sund TIME: 12:50

INSPECTOR: Inspector Annecia le Roux