



Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Dierebeskermingsvereniging

INSPECTION CHECKLIST
RED MEAT ABATTOIR

Abattoir name: Theon Abattoir
 Physical address: 16 Lincoln Road, Benoni South. (Industrial site)
 GPS coordinates: _____
 Postal address: 84 Elson Street, Pretoria West (012 327 5040)
 Tel No: 010 824 7944 Cell No: _____
 Fax No: _____ Email: officeadmin@theonabattoir.co.za

MANAGEMENT DETAILS:

Owner (Name and surname): PH Peron
 Cell No: _____ Email: admin@theonabattoir.co.za
 Manager (Name and surname): Lionel Lang
 Cell No: 0644 799867 Email: management@theonabattoir.co.za
 Directions to abattoir: From Woburn Avenue, turn left into West
Continue to Industry Road, turn right into Lincoln
Road, Theon Abattoir will be on your right
hand side.

Throughput (Low / high): High
 Warning issued: No Photos taken: No Videos taken: No

Date of inspection: 27/05/2025
 Arrival time: 08:30 Departure time: 10:00

130 bunnies (Spotted around 06:00)

		Satisfactory		Comments
		Yes	No	
1.	Initial observation			
1.1	Are emergency contact details available on entry to the property?	✓		
1.2	Are personnel available at all times?	✓		
1.3	Is the registration certificate displayed in office / reception area?			(Check expiry date) 12/02/2026
1.4	Are the outside areas clean and well maintained?	✓		
1.5	Is there a Disaster Management plan in place? (fire, flood, power-outage, water shortage, etc)	✓		
1.6	Are personnel familiar with disaster plans?	✓		(How often are personnel refreshed?)
1.7	Is protective clothing available for visitors?	✓		
1.8	Are facilities available for washing boots and hands at the entrance to the slaughter area?	✓		
2.	Off-loading / handling			
2.1	Are vehicles species-specific?	Did not observe		14:00 & 19:00 (Sunday) (offloaded Sunday afternoon)
2.2	Is shading provided for pigs during transit?	No more shading pigs		(Pigs must be provided with shelter during transportation as per SANS 1488:2014 & 1469:2014)
2.3	Do vehicles appear to be overloaded?	Did not observe		(Overloading of vehicles is not permitted as per the APA and SANS 1488:2014 & 1469:2014)
2.4	Was off-loading observed?		✓	(Vehicles must have non-slip flooring as per SANS 1488:2014 & 1469:2014)
2.5	Are ramps available for all types of vehicles?	✓		(There must be ramps available to accommodate different vehicle heights)
2.6	Are there any spaces between vehicle and ramp?	Did not observe		(There must be no spaces between the loading ramp and vehicle – SANS 1488:2014)
2.7	Do ramps have a slope of more than 20°?	✓		
2.8	Do ramps have non-slip surfaces?	✓		(All ramps must have non-slip flooring)
2.9	Are ramps in suitable condition?	✓		

2.10	Are ramps free from protrusions, foreign objects, etc that may cause harm to the animals?	✓		(Check for loose wires or objects lying around)
2.11	Are animals off-loaded immediately on arrival?	✓		(Animals must be off-loaded as soon as possible)
2.12	Are personnel properly trained to handle livestock?	✓		
2.13	Are animals off-loaded quietly and humanely?	✓		(No shouting, beating, - SANS 1488:2014)
2.14	Were any sick or injured animals off-loaded?		✓	(Was emergency slaughter performed immediately if necessary and within the least possible time?)
2.15	Were any 'downers' observed in any vehicle?		✓	
2.16	Are 'downers' slaughtered immediately?	M/A.		(All downers must be slaughtered immediately where the animal is situated, i.e. on the back of the vehicle)
2.17	Are electric prodders used during off-loading? If so are they battery operated?		✓	(Prodders may not be used on pigs or calves)
2.18	Are any other types of prodders used? (Plastic piping, etc?)	Plastic piping		(These must not be used on the animals)
2.19	Are prodders excessively used?		✓	(Should not be used if animals are moving forward and shall not be used on neck, face, genitals)
2.20	Is artificial lighting available for off-loading at night?	✓		(Must have artificial light when animals are being offloaded at night)
2.21	Are prodders used on pigs or calves?		✓	(Prodders may not be used on pigs or calves in terms of the Meat Safety Act)
3. Lairages				
3.1	Are animals herded calmly, quietly and humanely?	✓	✓	(As per the Meat Safety Act and SANS 1488:2014 & 1469:2014)
3.2	Are prodders used excessively?	✓	✓	(Should not be used if animals are moving forward and shall not be used on neck, face, genitals)
3.3	Are lairages constructed and maintained to avoid injury to animals?	✓		
3.4	Is flooring in lairages and races non-slip?	✓		(Flooring of lairages and races must be non-slip surface)
3.5	Are lairages species-specific?	✓	Only same	(Different species may not be penned together)

3.6	Are aggressive or fractious animals separated?	✓		
3.7	Is shelter provided for small livestock?	✓ <i>only bovine</i>		(Small livestock must be provided with shelter, i.e. sheep, goats, calves and pigs)
3.8	Are cold water sprayers available for pigs?	✓ <i>W/A</i>		(Lairages housing pigs must be provided with cold water sprayers)
3.9	Are lairages clean and well maintained?	✓		
3.10	Do all animals present have access to potable water?	✓		(Each lairage housing an animal must have potable water available – Meat Safety Act and SANS 1469:2014)
3.11	Is there any overcrowding?		✓	(Overcrowding in lairages is not permitted and the numbers must be reduced - Meat Safety Act and SANS 1469:2014)
3.12	How long are animals rested before slaughter?	<i>transported to the office for slaughter in the morning</i> <i>Over night (24 hrs)</i>	✓	(Must be rested for minimum 1 hour before slaughter – Meat Safety Act, 40 of 2000)
3.13	Are any dead animals observed in lairages?		✓	
3.14	Are isolation facilities available?	✓		
3.15	Is stunning box/area visible from lairages?		✓	(Stun box/area may not be visible from lairages)
4. Pre-slaughter				
4.1	Do pre-slaughter races provide a non-slip surface?	✓		(Pre-slaughter races must have non-slip flooring)
4.2	Are there lights in pre-slaughter race and stun box/area?	✓		
4.3	Are races free of protrusions or foreign objects that may cause injury to animals?	✓		
4.4	Is there any overcrowding in races?		✓	(Overcrowding in races are not permitted and the numbers must be reduced)
4.5	Are there any animals left in races during breaks?		✓	(No animals may be left in races during breaks – Meat Safety Act)
5. Slaughter procedure				
Cattle / Equine				
5.1	Does stun box provide a non-slip surface?	✓		(Stun box must have non-slip flooring)
5.2	Is captive bolt pistol in good working order (open and check)	✓		(Does bolt retract fully after firing? Must have 8 rubber buffers)

5.3	Is a back-up pistol provided?	✓		(Back-up pistol in good working order should be available in case of an emergency)
5.4	Does the stun operator wait for the animals to be in correct position for an effective stun?	✓		(Does he appear calm and relaxed?) Note: Kosher slaughter – cattle are not pre-stunned but must be post-stunned 20 seconds after being bled.
5.5	Is the stun effective?	✓		(Check eyes for reflexes)
5.6	Does stun to bleed time exceed 60 seconds?		✓	(Stun-to-bleed time may not exceed 60 seconds as per the Meat Safety Act)
5.7	Is knife suitable and sharp?	✓	<i>(Sharpened before starting cuts)</i>	(Knife must be a minimum of 250mm)
5.8	Does bleed-out time take minimum 8 minutes before any dressing process begins?			(Animal must bleed-out for 8 minutes before any dressing may commence as per the Meat Safety Act)
Sheep, goats and pigs				
5.9	Does stun box provide a non-slip surface?			(Stun box must have non-slip surface)
5.10	Are electric tongs well maintained?			(Check for rust, loose contacts, etc. Tongs should ideally be sanded after every 10 animals or less if necessary)
5.11	Are contact points long enough to penetrate the wool on sheep to ensure proper contact with the skin of the animal?			(Must have 3 points on each side) Note: Kosher slaughter – sheep/goats are not pre- or post-stunned.
5.12	Are voltage and amperage automatically calculated?			
5.13	Are pigs wetted prior to being stunned?			(Wetting pigs enables effective conductivity of electricity)
4.14	Are tongs placed in correct position in order to span brain?			(Not in eyes or across nose)
5.15	Is the stun effective?			(Check eyes for reflexes. Animals should not be blinking)
5.16	Does stun to bleed time exceed 60 Seconds?			(Stun-to-bleed time may not exceed 60 seconds – Meat Safety Act)
5.17	Is knife suitable and sharp?			(Knife must not have rough edges or be serrated)
5.18	Does bleed-out time take minimum 6 minutes before any dressing process begins?			(Animal must bleed-out for 6 minutes before any dressing may commence as per the Meat Safety Act)

Note: All livestock must be pre-stunned except for Kosher slaughtering. For other religious slaughtering, there must be an application for exemption to the relevant department. Such exemption certificate must be on display.

Veterinary details:Name: Dr. S. AndreouPractice: Pinarte Veterinarian

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ Cell No: 0833799298

General comments: Cattle were offloaded Sunday
afternoon around 14:00 & 19:00. I could
not find any welfare concerns during
the slaughtering process of bovine. Every-
thing went well, there were not constraints
of the Animals Protection Act, No. 71
of 1962. Cattle were treated humanely
for butchery & end of life.

Inspector (Name and surname): Thomas MollathSignature: 