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WARNING # 051

To: Bok Pretorius (Tomis Abattoir)	Date: 06 November 2024
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In light of my inspection conducted on the 05th of November 2024, the following concerns were observed and must be rectified as discussed, by 09 December 2024 unless stated otherwise. See Meat Safety Act 40 Of 2000 [Section 11(1)(h)], Red Meat Regulations and the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

You are hereby warned that:

1. The sheep slaughter conveyer belt was not in working condition. Whilst this was being fixed, sheep were left waiting in the run without access to potable drinking water. This maintenance repair took more than 30 minutes (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Sec 2(1)(c) and Red Meat Regulations Part V [Section 11(h)] 68(3)*).
 - a. In future, if the line is stopped due to maintenance issues, ensure that animals are removed from slaughter runs and returned to lairages with access to potable water.
2. Some of the sheep lairages containing sheep did not have access to potable water. One of the employees opened the gates in between the enclosures to ensure that all sheep had access to potable water whilst waiting (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Sec 2(1)(c) and Red Meat Regulations Part V [Section 11(h)] Sec 68(3)*).
 - a. Ensure that all animals kept in lairages have access to potable water at all times.
3. When the maintenance issue was fixed by the sheep slaughter area, it was observed that the worker that put the sheep in the conveyer belt, twisted a sheep's tail for it to move forward and pulled one sheep by the back leg. This is unacceptable (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Sec 2(1)(a) and Red Meat Regulations, Part V [Section 11(h)] 69*).
 - a. Ensure all staff are properly trained to handle the animals humanely.
4. The non-slip flooring grids in the cattle run are broken and have protruding metal. This can cause serious injuries before slaughter (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Sec 2(1)(e) and Meat Safety Act 40 of 2000*).
 - a. Ensure to provide sufficient non-slip flooring in the cattle run.
 - b. I suggest removing the grids and making sufficient large and deep grooves

in the floor/cement to prevent injury and provide non-slip flooring.

5. The cattle slaughter runs have metal panels on the side that still have several areas that have sharp, exposed edges that can cause injury and additional stress to the cattle waiting to be slaughtered (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Sec 2(1)(e) and Meat Safety Act 4 of 2000*).
 - a. Ensure to fix or replace the protruding panels.
 - b. As discussed with Tomis (Manager of this area), we suggested adding strong metal panels to the opening between the panels to prevent the edges from bending over creating sharp edges.

We remind you to adhere to all the provisions of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962, Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 (as amended in 2016) & its supporting Regulations and the Drakenstein Animal Keeping By-Law at all times.

This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 169 of 1993.

Failure to comply with this warning may render you liable for prosecution under the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 and/or Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

Any person who:- obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorised in terms of the Animals Protection Act 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: Wellington DATE: 06 November 2024
INSPECTOR: Elani Graham