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WARNING # 040

To: Bok Pretorius (Tomis Abatoir)	Date: 08 August 2024
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In light of my inspection conducted on the 08th of August 2024, the following concerns were observed and must be rectified as discussed, by 13 August 2024 unless stated otherwise. See Meat Safety Act 40 Of 2000 and the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

You are hereby warned that:

1. We observed that a Tomi's Abattoir white Toyota bakkie (CN 12556) offloaded sheep without using the provided offloading ramps. The sheep were allowed to jump from these heights which can cause injury. One sheep was observed for emergency slaughter with an injured leg was included with the sheep that was offloaded in this manner. This is unacceptable. Ensure that the offloading ramps are used at all times. *(See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 and Meat Safety Act 40 of 2000, Part II Section 6(d) and Section 19).*

Meat Safety Act 40 of 2000:

Requirements for high throughput red meat abattoirs

6. *Considering the requirements set out in part II B (1) and (2), for an abattoir to be graded as a high throughput red meat abattoir – (d) facilities to off-load animals humanely and from different vehicle levels must be provided;*

(2) Additional requirements for low and high throughput red meat abattoirs Offloading ramps [See also regulation 66]

19. *Offloading ramps, movable or stationary –*

(a) must be so constructed to avoid injury of animals during offloading and provide a stable area to facilitate the free movement of animals;

(b) may not have open spaces between the offloading ramp and the vehicle;

(c) must be at the same height of the vehicle for which it is used.

(d) must have guide rails;

(e) must have permanent non-slippery floor at a slope of not more than 20o ;

(f) may not have sharp protruding edges or any other features that may cause injury; and

(g) must have adequate artificial lighting if animals are offloaded at night.

2. We observed the feral cats close to the slaughter areas and they appeared to be diseased. This is a concern for the health and safety of the Red Meat abattoir. Ensure to provide the cats with veterinary treatment or schedule a date with the Wellington SPCA to trap and remove the cats from the premises (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Section 2(1)(e) and Meat Safety Act 40 of 2000, Part III and Part IV*).

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 City of Cape Town 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: 08 August 2024
INSPECTOR: Elani Graham