

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building:	
Street:	C/O OLIEBOOM ROAD
Suburb:	PHILIPPI
Postal Code:	7781
Date:	2025-06-07
Time:	08:00
Inspector:	FARRENT DLULA

Type:	CASE DISCUSSION NOTE
Follow-Up Date:	

Comments:

06 June 2025 (Thursday)

Livestock Sold: 27 sheep

Observations:

The handling of sheep was well-executed.

Sheep were properly covered with cloth, which reduced stress and exposure.

Animal welfare standards were fully met.

07 June 2025 (Friday)

Livestock Sold: 5 sheep

Operations Closed: 12h00 midday

Observations:

The sale was limited and concluded early.

No issues were noted during operations.

08 June 2025 (Saturday)

Initial Status: Saleyard closed

Incident Report:

An issue was reported by Thembi in the Arum Lilly area regarding the transport of sheep .

An Avanza vehicle was found loaded with sheep that were :

Tied up.

Not covered, including over their eyes.

Packed tightly on top of one another — raising serious animal welfare concerns.

Law Enforcement (LE) was contacted for intervention.

Upon return to Gronkloof Farm, we met with Mr. Lassen to address the situation.

Mr. Lassen denied knowledge of the tying practice.

However, workers on-site confirmed they had tied the sheep prior to loading.

Concerns & Recommendations:

The sharp decline in animal handling standards between 06/06 and 08/06 is unacceptable and concerning.

Tying and overcrowding of livestock is a direct violation of welfare regulations .

Management must retrain staff on humane handling practices and monitor transport procedures closely .

A formal warning or compliance notice may be necessary if further breaches occur .

It is strongly advised that:

All sheep are properly covered.

No livestock is tied or stacked.

Owners take full accountability for transport practices.

Conclusion:

The first day of observation showed excellent compliance with handling standards, but this was not maintained. The events of 08/06/2025 highlight a need for urgent corrective measures to ensure ongoing compliance with animal welfare regulations.

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