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CATTLE AND CALVES SLAUGHTER AUDIT FORM

Date:_____ Time:_____

Plant:_____ Auditor:_____

Weather:_____ Line Speed:_____

Stunner Type:_____ Operator:_____

Plant Contact Name:_____ Phone:_____

Email:_____ Establishment No.:_____

CORE CRITERIA 1: EFFECTIVE STUNNING — Conventional Only

Score 100 cattle in plants with line speeds greater than 100 cattle per hour. Fifty cattle should be audited in slower plants processing fewer than 100 head per hour. Ninety-five percent accuracy is required for a passing score. If audit is conducted in a religious slaughter facility, skip to Core Criteria 2.

It can be helpful to note observations about missed stuns using the following guide:

X = stunned correctly
G = stunning failed due to apparent lack of maintenance
A = missed stun due to poor aim

Animal Number:

1_____	11____	21____	31____	41____	51____	61____	71____	81____	91_____
2_____	12____	22____	32____	42____	52____	62____	72____	82____	92_____
3_____	13____	23____	33____	43____	53____	63____	73____	83____	93_____
4_____	14____	24____	34____	44____	54____	64____	74____	84____	94_____
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9_____	19____	29____	39____	49____	59____	69____	79____	89____	99_____
10____	20____	30____	40____	50____	60____	70____	80____	90____	100____

Stun Efficacy Percent _____

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CORE CRITERIA 2: BLEED RAIL INSENSIBILITY — Conventional and Religious

Any sensible animal on the bleed rail constitutes an automatic audit failure. It is CRITICAL that animals showing signs of a return to sensibility be restunned immediately. There is "zero tolerance" for beginning any procedures like skinning the head or leg removal on any animal that shows signs of a return to sensibility. However, it is important to complete the audit and note observations about insensibility using the following guide:

X = completely insensible; no signs of return to sensibility
E = eyes moved when touched
BL = blinking
RB = rhythmic breathing
VO = vocalization
RR = righting reflex/animal attempts to lift head

Note signs of sensibility observed by animal number:

1_____	11____	21____	31____	41____	51____	61____	71____	81____	91_____
2_____	12____	22____	32____	42____	52____	62____	72____	82____	92_____
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Percent Insensible _____

Notes:

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CORE CRITERIA 3: SLIPS AND FALLS — Conventional and Religious

3A: Count the number of cattle that slip or fall during unloading. In large plants where multiple vehicles are continuously unloaded, 100 cattle from three different vehicles are scored. For all species, an equal number of animals from each deck should be scored. Vehicles should be scored in the order of arrival at the unloading ramp. In small plants where vehicles are not continuously unloaded, a single vehicle should be scored. If no vehicle arrives, the scoresheet is marked "unloading not observed."

X = no slipping or falling F = fell S = slipped

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Percent falling _____ Percent slipping _____

Note where slipping/falling occurred:

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3B: Count the number of cattle that 1) slip and 2) fall during handling in any of the following locations: crowd pen, single file chute, barns, alleys or stunning box. A slip is recorded when a knee or hock touches the floor. In cattle stun boxes and the single file chute, a slip should be recorded if the animal becomes agitated due tomultiple short slips. A fall is recorded if the body touches the floor. One percentor fewer falls and three percent or fewer slips are required for a passing score.

X = no slipping or falling F = fell S = slipped

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Percent falling _____ Percent slipping _____

Note where slipping/falling occurred:

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CORE CRITERIA 4: VOCALIZATION — Conventional and Religious

Monitor the number of cattle that vocalize (provoked by stress or agitation) in the crowd pen, lead-up chute stunning box or restrainer. Vocalizing animals in the crowd-pen and lead up chute are scored during active handling. Score an animal as a vocalizer if it makes any audible vocalization. Three percent or less of cattle should moo or bellow. In Kosher or Halal operations or any operation using a head holder, up to five percent vocalization is acceptable for a passing score. It is helpful to note the possible cause of vocalization using the codes below:

X = non-vocalizer	P = prod
S = stun	F = fell or slipped
U = unknown cause	R = restrainer
M = missied stuns	SE = sharp edges
UN = unprevoked	

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Percent vocalizing: _____ Percent vocalizing: _____

Notes:

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CORE CRITERIA 5: PROD USE — Conventional and Religious

Monitor the percentage of 100 cattle prodded with an electric prod at the restrainer entrance.Twenty-five percent or fewer cattle should be prodded for passing score. If multiple employees use prods, score 100 animals passing by each employee. Add the percentages together to determine final score. Note whether or not a prod was used for each animal and the apparent reason for prod use:

X = moved quietly without an electric prod
P = electric prod used without apparent reason
B = electric prodded in response to balking

1_____	11____	21____	31____	41____	51____	61____	71____	81____	91_____
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Percent prodded____

Percent balking____

Notes:

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CORE CRITERIA 6: WILLFUL ACTS OF ABUSE — Conventional and Religious

Any willful act of abuse is grounds for automatic audit failure. Willful acts of abuse include but are not limited to: 1) dragging a conscious,non-ambulatory animal; 2) intentionally applying prods to sensitive parts of the animal like the eyes, ears, nose or rectum; 3) deliberate slamming of gates on livestock; 4) purposeful driving of livestock on top of one another; 5) hitting/beating an animal. Note any such acts observed.

Were any willful acts of abuse observed?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, detail incident(s) below:

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Notes:

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CORE CRITERIA 7: ACCESS TO WATER — Conventional and Religious

Observe access to water. Do animals in all pens have access to clean drinking water?

Yes ____ No ____

Notes:

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Final Scoring – Cattle and Calves Audit

Core Criteria	Passing Score	Actual Score
Core Criteria 1: Effective Stunning	95% or greater accuracy	_____
Core Criteria 2: Bleed Rail Insensibility	100% insensible	_____
Core Criteria 3: Slips and Falls		
3A: Truck Unload	1% or less falls	_____
	3% or less slips	_____
3B: In Plant	1% or less falls	_____
	3% or less slips	_____
Core Criteria 4: Vocalization	3% or less	_____
	5% or less with head-holder/ritual	_____
Core Criteria 5: Prod Use	25% or less prodded	_____
Core Criteria 6: Willful Acts of Abuse	No willful acts of abuse	_____
Core Criteria 7: Access to Water	Yes – water provided	_____

Plant passed all numerically scored criteria? Yes ____ No ____

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Auditor signature Date

SECONDARY AUDIT ITEMS

These items may be helpful in gathering general information about a facility. However, because they involve a high degree of subjectivity and because they are almost impossible to score objectively, they should not be used in determining whether a facility passes or fails an audit.

1. Does the facility have a documented training program for its employees or use an outside training program to teach the principles of good animal handling?

   Yes ____ No ____

2. Does the facility have a protocol that is written or widely understood for handling non-ambulatory animals?

   Yes ____ No ____

3. Are facility personnel trained in handling non-ambulatory animals?

   Yes ____ No ____

4. Do they inspect the facility weekley and document for repair any damage or sharp protrusions that may injure animals?

   Yes ____ No ____

5. Does the facility provide special training to stunner operators to ensure proper equipment use and stunning efficacy?

   Yes ____ No ____

6. Does the facility have a protocol for stunning equipment maintenance?

   Yes ____ No ____

7. Does the facility train its personnel and have a written procedure or protocol about how to handle a sensible animal on the bleed rail?

   Yes ____ No ____

8. Is non-slip flooring provided throughout the facility?

   Yes ____ No ____

9. Are non-electrical devices the primary tool used to move livestock?

   Yes ____ No ____

10. Do crowd pens generally appear to be less than 75 percent full?

    Yes ____ No ____

11. Are animals unloaded from trucks promptly (target is within one hour of delivery)?

    Yes ____ No ____

12. If mounting behaviors were observed, are animals that chronically mount removed from the pen?

    Yes ____ No ____ NA ____

13. Does the company perform internal audits at least weekly?

    Yes ____ No ____

14. Does the company have an emergency management plan for livestock on file?

    Yes ____ No ____

Notes related to secondary audit items:

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