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WARNING # 109

To: Bok Pretorius (Tomis Abattoir)	Date: 10 December 2024
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In light of my inspection conducted on the 10th of December 2024 accompanied by Robin Abrahams, the following concerns were observed and must be rectified as discussed, by 07 January 2024, unless stated otherwise. See Meat Safety Act 40 Of 2000 [Section 11(1)(h)], Red Meat Regulations, SANS 1488:2014 – Humane transportation of livestock by road and the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

You are hereby warned that:

1. Upon inspection, it was observed that a member of the public brought in an injured cow that could not stand. This cow waited to be taken to the emergency slaughter area for more than 15 minutes after we noticed it. Only when we noticed, did the staff attend to the matter. This is unacceptable. (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Sec 2(1)(e) and see SANS 1488:2014 – Humane transportation of livestock by road*).
 - a. Ensure that injured, diseased, deformed and blind animals are emergency slaughtered immediately.
 - b. Ensure to educate the members of the public about the South African National Standard regarding this.
2. 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.
 - c. Rubble was also seen in the cattle run that needs to be removed at all times.
3. 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: 10 December 2024
INSPECTOR: Elani Graham