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15	M12445	Kulana Foods, Ltd.	WYF09161 10415G	15NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>The CSI observed a large sow brought into the stunning area for electrical stunning. A stunning attempt was applied, and the sow squealed, remained standing, and was observed to be alert and looking around. The operator then made three additional ineffective stunning attempts with the electrical stunning device. During all stunning attempts, the sow stood with muscles rigid and tense indicating that an electrical stun had been applied. However, following each stunning attempt, the sow was immediately alert, standing, and was looking around. Additionally, during the fourth stunning attempt, the sow squealed again and laid down in lateral recumbency but was still observed to be conscious, as it was looking around with rapid open mouth breathing. The CSI informed the establishment operator that repeated attempts to stun with the electrical stunning device were ineffective, and that further action needed to be taken immediately to render the sow unconscious. The establishment employee then retrieved a hand-held captive bolt gun from the cattle stunning area by climbing a ladder to gain access to the area. The charges for the captive bolt gun were then retrieved from their storage location in another room. After several minutes, a fifth stun was applied with the hand-held captive bolt which successfully rendered the sow unconscious. The CSI informed the stunning operator and establishment management that this was a noncompliance and placed US Rejected Tag # B43042868 on the stunning area. The CSI then informed the establishment that they would be contacting the Denver District Office through supervisory channels.</p>

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15	M12445	Kulana Foods, Ltd.	WYF07111 21927G	27DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	At about 1220 on 12-26-18 at Establishment M12445, the CSI observed a truck back up to the higher unloading dock and open the tail gate. There was one pig in the truck that was tied down to the truck by a front foot and a back foot in a lying position. Two men proceeded to untie the pig from the truck bed. The pig stayed lying and refused to stand. The two men began to pull the pig out by the ropes that were tied to its feet as it remained laying. The CSI informed the men that they cannot drag a conscious pig. The men stopped pulling the ropes and were trying pushing measures and sounds to get the pig up. The pig refused to stand so they lifted the pig up and carried it out of the truck. Then they put the pig down and she stood. They then pulled on the ropes and she walked. After the CSI watched the men cut the rope off the feet of the pig, the CSI informed establishment President/GM Mr. Brady Yagi of the occurrence, and he went outside to talk with the men.
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25	M17D	Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp.	WLJ56071 24818G	18DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>HATS Category IV – Ante-mortem Inspection On 12/14/2018 at approximately 1220 hours, while performing antemortem inspection in the barns, I observed questionable behavior by a truck driver who was unloading hogs from his trailer. I was standing in the alleyway between pens 301 and 501 when I observed a truck driver unloading hogs from his trailer into the West Side Unloading Alley #2. The truck driver was a long distance from where I was standing (approximately 100 to 150 feet away). From my vantage point I could see up the truck’s unloading ramp. The truck driver was moving hogs from the upper deck down the trailer’s unloading ramp. A group of 5-6 hogs had bottle necked at entrance of the barn, at the bottom of the truck’s unloading ramp, just prior to the company tattooer. The trucker was facing towards me, standing behind the group of hogs, attempting to get them to move into the barn. One of the hogs was facing away from me (and facing towards the trucker). For driving implements the trucker was using a plastic jug with BB’s in it and a sort board. I observed the trucker put the jug in close proximity to the hog’s face (the hog was still facing away from me.) The trucker was using wrist flicks to use the jug, not pronounced arm movements with a striking motion. Because of the vantage point and distance of my location, I could not definitively determine that the trucker was contacting the hog’s face. I did not observe the hogs jumping erratically or hear them vocalizing. The hogs were deadlocked in the position. (b) (6) was standing next to me and immediately called for the trucker to stop moving the hogs. A company employee went into the trailer to help the trucker move the remaining hogs off the trailer without incident. I spoke to (b) (6) and (b) (6) about my observations. I told them that I could not</p>

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								definitively say that the trucker was striking the hog in the face but reminded them that this behavior was unacceptable, should it occur (b) (6) said that he would discuss this with his employees.

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25	M17D	Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp.	WLJ41071 23529G	29DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>HATS Category VI - Electric Prod/Alternative Object Use At approximately 1045 hours, while entering the barn to perform antemortem inspection, I observed an employee using the rattle paddle in an aggressive manner but could not confirm that there was contact with a hog. I was standing near the northwest side of pen 504. I was observing employees move hogs off the west scale, which is approximately 50-70 feet away. The small door on the on the northwest side of the scale was being utilized to tattoo hogs as they left the scale. The large scale gate on the north side was closed, obstructing my view of the hogs. I saw an employee standing south of the scale using a rattle paddle to drive hogs northward through the small open door to get tattooed. I observed the employee with the rattle paddle gradually increase the intensity of the striking motion. The motion started with using the rattle paddle below the shoulder at a moderate speed and gradually shifted to picking the paddle up above the shoulders and repeatedly swinging the paddle downward in a very fast motion. Because the gate was obstructing my view of the pigs, I cannot definitively say the employee was contacting the hogs with these aggressive paddle swings. Due to the small size of the pen, I thought it was likely the employee was contacting hogs and not striking the ground. I yelled from my position to get the employees attention and motioned for the employees to stop using the paddle. I discussed my findings with (b) (6) and (b) (6). I told (b) (6) if hogs are not moving well, hitting them harder is typically not the ideal solution. Again, I cannot definitively say the hogs were being hit. But if they were being struck with the rattle paddle with the motions I observed, it would be considered excessive use of a driving implement.</p>

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25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA24141 05905G	05OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/1/2018 through 10/5/18 at 6:05am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 1hr , conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 1 hr. I review the records that designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA33091 03213G	13OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/8/2018 through 10/12/18 at 6:05am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 1 hr, conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 1 hr. I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA34091 04313G	13OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/8/2018 through 10/12/18 at 6:05am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 1hr, conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 1 hr. I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA35091 05213G	13OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/8/2018 through 10/12/18 at 6:05am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 1 hr, conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 1 hr. I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.

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25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA0417100119G	19OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/15/2018 through 10/19/18 at 6:00am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 1hr , conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 30 min, I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA0617105919G	19OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/15/2018 through 10/19/18 at 6:00am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 45min , conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 1 hr. I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA0817105719G	19OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/15/2018 through 10/19/18 at 6:05am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 1hr , conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 1 hr. I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA1117103219G	19OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/15/2018 through 10/19/18 at 6:05am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 45min , conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 1 hr. I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan. (b) (6) did his observations no deviancies were found.

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25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA1317102519G	19OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/15/2018 through 10/19/18 at 6:05am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 45min , conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 45 min, I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA5810100029G	29OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/22/2018 through 10/26/18 at 6:10am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 30min , conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 30 min, I observed employee knocking for 30min, I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA0813113402G	02NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/29/2018 through 11/2/18 at 6:05am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 15min , conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 15 min, I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA1113112502G	02NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 10/29/2018 through 11/2/18 at 6:05am I preformed extra duties for Hat Categories at EST.20863. Stunning 15min , conscious animals on the rail none on conscious for 15 min, I review the records the that the designate monitor is checking every 5 sow, I observed the Supervisor cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed the SOP plan.



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25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA29111 14019G	19NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 11/12/18 through 11/16/18 I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at EST.20863. stunning 15 min, conscious animals on the rail, none on conscious for 15 min. I reviewed records that the designate monitor is monitoring every 5th sow, I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed all records.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA35111 10419G	19NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 11/12/18 through 11/16/18 I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at EST.20863. stunning 15 min, conscious animals on the rail, none on conscious for 15 min. I reviewed records that the designate monitor is monitoring every 5th sow, I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed all records.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA50161 12830G	30NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 11/19/18 through 11/23/18 I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at EST.20863. stunning 15 min, conscious animals on the rail, none on conscious for 15 min. I reviewed records that the designate monitor is monitoring every 5th sow, I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunners daily, I reviewed all records. (b) (6) was here the morning of Monday the 19th everything went good no NRs , this week we will work Monday thru wednesday Thursday and Friday no work for the holiday.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA05141 22710G	10DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 12/03/18 though 12/07/18 I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at EST.20863 stunning for 15 min, 15 min on conscious animals on the rail none on conscious, for 15 min I reviewed the designated monitor is monitoring every 5th sow, I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunner daily, I reviewed all records. I am off Thursday and Friday (b) (6) will cover for me.

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25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA07141 22610G	10DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 12/03/18 though 12/07/18 I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at EST.20863 stunning for 15 min, 15 min on conscious animals on the rail none on conscious, for 15 min I reviewed the designated monitor is monitoring every 5th sow, I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunner daily, I reviewed all records. I will be gone on Thursday and Friday (b) (6) will be in my place.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA20141 20110G	10DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 12/10/18 through 12/14/18 I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at EST. 20863 stunning 15 min, 15 on conscious animals on the rail none on conscious, I reviewed designated monitor for 15 min. I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunner daily, I reviewed all records.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA52161 20820G	20DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 12/17/18 through 12/21/18 I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at EST.20863. stunning 15 min, 15 min on conscious animals on the rail none on conscious, I reviewed the records that designate monitor is monitoring every 5th one, I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunner daily, I reviewed all the records.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA48131 20821G	21DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 12/17/18 through 12/21/18 I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at EST.20863. stunning 15 min, 15 min on conscious animals on the rail none on conscious, I reviewed the records that designate monitor is monitoring every 5th one, I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum and the stunner daily, I reviewed all the records.

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25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA31141 24528G	28DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 12/24/18 through 12/28/18, I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at Est.20863. stunning 15 min, 15 min on conscious animals on the rail, none on conscious, I reviewed all records, I reviewed that the designated monitor is monitoring, I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum & the stunner daily.
25	M20863	JNB, Inc.	PNA34141 22528G	28DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	The week of 12/24/18 through 12/28/18, I preformed extra duties on HAT Categories at Est.20863. stunning 15 min, 15 min on conscious animals on the rail, none on conscious, I reviewed all records, I reviewed that the designated monitor is monitoring, I observed (b) (6) cleaning the 22 magnum & the stunner daily.
40	M337	STX Beef Company	UNG34181 22907G	07DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	43 head of had no signed/inspected pen card. All carcasses, offal and head were tag and lock out.
40	M337	STX Beef Company	UNG26121 20411G	11DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	Verification Plan 60th day review was done by (b) (6). New recommendations: 1. Addition flap on the knockbox. 2. Possible foot control knobs for the stun gun operator to free both hand for the control of the stun gun. 3.Stun gun operator found to be doing a good jib. 4. All relevant records were up to date.

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15	M34056	Olsen Farms Meats LLC	XIC581211 3827G	27NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	<p>On November 27, 2018 at approximately 0830 hours, I, (b) (6) while performing a routine Livestock Humane Handling task HATS Category VIII, Stunning Effectiveness, at Est. 34056 Olsen Farm Meats observed the following inhumane event. The first beef cow, was loaded into the headgate. The beef was tossing her head. (b) (6) using a .357 caliber rifle with .357 magnum bullets, applied a stunning attempt. The beef was conscious as she remained standing with blood dripping from her nose. The beef did not vocalize or thrash (b) (6) applied a second stunning attempt with the .357 rifle. Again, the beef remained conscious as she remained standing with more blood pouring from her nose. Again, there was no vocalizing or thrashing. (b) (6) applied a third stunning attempt which rendered the animal unconscious. Upon inspection of the beef head I found the first two shots were low. They were both at eye level. One shot was centered and the other was slightly to the left. The third shot was about 2 inches higher and at the correct placement of the x pattern. (b) (6) informed me that the first two bullets were from a new box of .357 magnum caliber bullets and that the third bullet was from the previous box of bullets. I immediately stopped production and tagged the knock box with yellow USDA Retain/Reject tag #B38177336, and contacted the Denver District Office through supervisory channels.</p>

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15	M34056	Olsen Farms Meats LLC	XIC211412 5113G	13DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On December 13, 2018 at approximately 0800 hours, I, (b) (6) while performing a routine Livestock Humane Handling Task HATS category VIII, Stunning Effectiveness, at Est. 34056 Olsen Farm Meats observed the following inhumane event. Two Highlander beef cows were located inside the barn in the second pen. The two cows were calm, standing and milling around each other inside the pen. They were not loaded into the head gate because each had horns too wide for the head gate. There were no restraints used and the first cow was effectively stunned. The second beef cow was stunned by (b) (6) using a .357 rifle and using .357 mag 140 grain bullets. The cow was stunned and remained standing. She did not vocalize but tossed her head wildly and spun in repeated circles. (b) (6) re-aimed the rifle and allowed the cow to calm prior to second stunning attempt. The cow was rendered immediately insensible after the second stun. Upon inspection of the placement of the two shots, I found them both centered but just a quarter of an inch above eye level. The shots were approximately one inch too low for the correct placement of the X pattern. I immediately stopped production and tagged the knock box with yellow USDA Retain/Reject tag #B38177471. I then contacted the Denver District Office through supervisory channels.</p>

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85	M40244	Gray's & Danny's Investment, Inc.	LCP370812 0324G	24DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>December 21st, 2018 At approximately 1155, while verifying the establishment's implementation of their humane handling program at the cattle stunning area, I observed (b) (6) attempt to stun a beef heifer with a 410 shotgun. After the first shot hit, the heifer remained standing, continued to have rhythmic breathing, and controlled eye movement as it moved its head to look at its surroundings. A second shot was immediately made, but the heifer continued to stand, have rhythmic breathing, and controlled head and eye movement. At this point, (b) (6) ran over to the ATV parked nearby and searched for bullets in the ATV while the heifer remained in the chute. He then came over to the chute, manually loaded the gun, and shot the heifer again. The heifer remained standing with rhythmic breathing and controlled head and eye movement. The gun then had to be manually reloaded in order to take a fourth shot, and two more shots had to be administered before the heifer was rendered unconscious, with manual reloading occurring between each shot. A total of six (6) shots were fired before the heifer was effectively rendered unconscious. U.S. Rejected tag (#B40160524) was placed on the chute and (b) (6) was notified that regulatory action had been taken to stop further killing of all federally inspected animals. At postmortem inspection, the head was skinned and five distinctive holes were observed on the head.</p>

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60	M4390	Curtis Custom Meat	LPK261211 1607G	07NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At approximately 2pm on 11/7/18, a meeting was held between USDA and establishment management, attended by (b) (6), (b) (6), and (b) (6), to discuss an incident that occurred earlier in the day. A cow and a bull got loose while being unloaded from the trailer at approximately 9:30am; the bull was returned to the premises several hours later in good condition. At that time, (b) (6) and (b) (6) observed truck unloading proceed without issue. The cow was not returned. Because animals have escaped control in the past at this establishment, USDA requested that management provide us with preventative measures that they will use to assure this does not happen again (b) (6) stated that the cause of the incident was a gap left between the trailer and the barn door, through which the animals were able to escape. In the future, the establishment will ensure that all trailers are backed up straight to the barn, so that no gaps are present. They will also have at least two employees present to help and are looking into building a fence around the unloading area.</p>

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90	M44779	Faulkner Meats	VMV20111 05324G	24OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	On Tuesday, October 23, 2018, IPP were verifying conditions in the holding pens of the barn at Faulkner Meats (M44779) Taylorsville, KY. A goat was found lateral recumbent in a holding pen at approximately 1030 hrs. EDT; the goat was alive but was diagnosed to be in a moribund state ("U.S. Condemned") by the SVMO. The SVMO instructed IPP the goat needed to be euthanized based upon its condition. IPP informed the establishment of the condition. Plant personnel euthanized the goat by cutting its throat, allowing it to expire by exsanguination. The cutting of the throat is not considered an acceptable method of euthanasia in a federally regulated facility. The owner of the establishment considers all animals held in the barn to be custom exempt, thus the basis for this MOI.
90	M44779	Faulkner Meats	VMV27131 03830G	30OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	October 30, 2018 The verification of livestock holding pen conditions was made by the SVMO at Faulkner Meats (M44779) Taylorsville, KY. A pen with approximately 37 lambs/sheep was found at approximately 1400 hrs. EDT to be without access to water; the bottoms of plastic drums (2) being used for watering troughs were dry. While the owner of the establishment considers all animals in the barn to be custom exempt, per FSIS USDA Directive 5930.1 revision 4, the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act applies and all livestock are to have access to water in the holding pens at all times. Because the animals have yet to be declared for Federally Inspected Slaughter, they are considered Custom Exempt at the point of discovery and as such this Custom Exempt MOI was issued instead of a non-compliance record.



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90	M44779	Faulkner Meats	VMV37071 12921G	21NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>November 20, 2018 Federally inspected slaughter activities regularly occur at Faulkner Meats (M44779) Taylorsville, KY on Tuesdays of each week. While verifying conditions in the barn, the SVMO made the following observations in a holding pen at approximately 1330 hrs. EST: A holding pen containing approximately 20 head of swine varying in size from roughly 20 pounds to over 500 pounds were found to be without water; the 50 gallon plastic drum converted to a gravity fed waterer was observed lying on its side in the corner of the pen. Secondly, the floor was covered, near its entirety, in approximately one inch of soupy, liquid manure; if all animals were to lie down simultaneously, some would have to lie in the liquid. The above animals had not been declared for Federal Inspection at the time of these observations; the owner of the establishment considers all animals in the holding pens to be custom exempt until such time as they may be declared for federal inspection. FSIS USDA Directive 5930.1 revision 4 states the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) and the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) applies to custom exempt operations. The lack of water access and the absence of pen maintenance raise humane handling concerns, and also in the case of the latter, create insanitary conditions. The basis for the issuance of this Custom Exempt MOI instead of a non-compliance record is the fact the swine had not been declared for Federal Inspection. This observation continues a recent trend in humane handling concerns.</p>

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90	M44819	Fatback Pig Project LLC	BQY13121 03102G	02OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	At approximately 11:15 am on Friday, September 28, 2018, I, (b) (6), observed an employee using the electrical stunner on a hog in the knock box. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd attempts to render the hog insensible to pain failed. On the 4th attempt the hog was rendered unconscious and remained so throughout shackling, hoisting, and bleeding. The knock box was tagged with US Reject/Retain tag Number B42031085. The establishment has been informed there will be no more slaughter until notified by the District Office.

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25	M45471	New Angus, LLC	VUE31091 20211G	11DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On 12/7/18 a meeting was held with management representatives to review IPP findings/concerns with fractured mandibles on bovine carcasses, and discuss establishment steps for determining the cause and subsequent corrective actions. On 12/5/18 while giving break at heads, IPP saw a fractured mandible and on 12/6/18 a FI reported three heads with both mandibles fractured mid-length. IPP reported the concern to establishment management and they did an inquiry. When I reported to the knock box, management had discovered a failure in a pin on the head restraint. There were no reported fractures on heads the rest of the day. I watched the stunning for several minutes throughout the day and was unable to find a distressed animal. A note is that the chin basket lift cylinder has 8 inches more travel than required to restrain the head of the animals I saw. This also allows the chin basket to be lift up and out of the way when the carcass is rolled off the belly chain. The knock box controller stops lifting the head when the face levels out. If the knock box controller were to use that extra distance with an animal in the box, they would very likely fracture a mandible. In response to IPP concern, a deficiency was recorded in the 12/6/18 animal Handling Structural Audit under the knock box. "The head restraint was not closing and lifting heads properly." Equipment repair: Cylinder pin mounting bracket was repaired. QA has increased monitoring time at the restrainer. On 12/7/18 at approximately 1400 hours, IPP found another fractured mandible. This was similar to the one from 12/5/18. The right mandible fractured mid shaft from outside pressure. The fragments were pushed medially. (b) (6) and (b) (6) and I watched the box for several minutes and found no animals in distress (b) (6) did say that this equipment is becoming worn and</p>

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								a new restrainer was ordered. We also looked at the possibility of the Up Puller head restraint causing the problem but, that was unable to replicate the fractures.

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25	M45629	Andy's Meats Inc.	DJP381111 1021G	21NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At approximately 0830, while observing HATS Category VIII, Stunning Effectiveness, I, (b) (6), observed the following. A nonambulatory hog tagged as U.S. Suspect was stunned with a hand held captive bolt gun. The hog was moving slightly, but the operator took his time, aimed, and shot the hog. The operator immediately walked away from the shot hog. The hog flopped seemingly as though properly stunned. I asked the operator what he is supposed to do right after stunning a hog. He responded to check the eyes. When I looked at the hog, still flopping, I observed that it blinked its eyes as a normal conscious hog would. The other barn employee pointed out that the hog didn't seem dead yet, and the stunner operator retrieved another shell for the captive bolt gun. During this time, I approached the hog and observed that it was still blinking in a normal fashion and breathing rhythmically, although it was lying on its side. I moved my hand in front of the hog, and it failed to track the movement; but did blink. At this time, the stunner operator told me he has never missed a shot, and we both saw that the wound appeared centrally, approximately 1/2" rostral to the front edge of the ears. He placed another shot into the hog's forehead, rendering it completely insensible. I tagged the stunning area with US Reject Tag B37571016 and described the situation with (b) (6). I observed him discuss the matter with the stunner operator and instruct the operator to always carry an additional charge with when stunning so if an ineffective stun occurs, he will be prepared to shoot it again. The company took further preventive measures by instructing employees to perform safety shots on all hogs stunned with a captive bolt gun. The tag was removed and slaughter allowed to continue. At approximately 0915, I met with (b) (6) to inform him that the recommendation for the</p>

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								<p>incident was an HH MOI. We discussed safety shot policies, specifically that safety shots are always acceptable; however, FSIS expects that the animal be rendered unconscious on the first shot. We also discussed additional stunning training in different formats, as well as signed statements of training understanding- especially in stunning aim locations, always checking the eyes for unconsciousness after the shot, the establishment's decided use of safety shots, and communication between the captive bolt operator and the electrical stunner operator.</p>
50	M45649	Homestead Springs	ZSR571012 1404G	04DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>Discussion with establishment management between (b) (6) and (b) (6). (b) (6) observed hogs reluctant to move when being brought in from the outside pen into the knock box on multiple occurrences. The establishment personnel was observed using a hog sorting board to drive the hogs into the knock box while pushing the hogs with the board (b) (6). (b) (6) spoke with (b) (6) regarding these observations. (b) (6) stated he would speak with the establishment personnel. (b) (6) suggested a rattle paddle in addition to the sorting board to assist with sorting and moving the hogs.</p>

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90	M46240	Light Hill Meats	MKE52131 23311G	11DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	<p>At approximately 1245 hrs., (b) (6) observed a small ruminant sheep, weighing 130 lbs. being loaded into the knock box at Light Hill Meats (est. 46240). Using a captive bolt, the plant employee standing in the stun box with the animal administered 1 stunning attempt to the forehead wherein the animal remained standing and consciously breathing. A second attempt was administered to the forehead with the same resulting behavior. The employee requested additional captive bolt stunning charges. A third stun attempt to the forehead was unsuccessful as the animal remained standing and consciously breathing, shaking its head and licking the blood from the previous attempts. A fourth stunning attempt was administered to the back of the head, rendering the animal unconscious. It remained unconscious and insensible to pain throughout shackling, sticking and bleeding. Upon examination of the sheep head, there were 3 entry wounds on the forehead, and one penetrating wound in the back of the head. The knock box was rejected and tagged with No. B37373551. Plant manager Jennifer Spray was notified of the regulatory control action. Light Hill Meats (est. 46240) is not currently operating under a Written Robust Systematic Approach to Humane Handling Plan.</p>

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25	M5537	Sioux-Preme Packing Co.	TJF240712 4004G	04DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>Food Safety and Inspection Service 1400 Independence Avenue, SW. Washington, D.C. 20250 From: (b) (6) Date: 11/28/2018 Subject: Human Handling- incident at 5537 M on 11.27.18 Meeting Date: 11/28/2018 Meeting Time: 7:15 AM Establishment: M5537 - Sioux-Preme Packing Co. Reason Code: Other Reason Code: Comments: On Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at approximately 1515 hours, while I was walking to yards to perform ante mortem inspection, I heard one pig was vocalizing; there were 3-4 pigs in this group, at the start of walkway leading to butina. The vocalizing pig's tail was caught in narrow space of sliding door and concrete structure. The sliding door is controlled by stunning area personnel. The yards person who was walking with me instructed stunning area supervisor to humanely euthanize animal, animal was successfully euthanized with a captive bolt, transported to place on line for processing. This morning, (Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at approximately 0720 hours), Mr. Rick Getman, Plant Manager told me that management will put a corrective action for the above incidence. Management was informed a MOI will be documented and communicated to (b) (6) and (b) (6) at Des Moines District Office for further guidance. Respectfully, (b) (6) Cc: To (b) (6) and (b) (6)</p>



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80	M6590	Randolph Packing Co., Inc.	YBB111511 3621G	21NOV2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>Date of meeting: November 21, 2018 Location of meeting: Slaughter department of M-6590</p> <p>Attendees: (b) (6) [REDACTED] Mr. Greg Dronen, Plant Manager Today, November 21, 2018, at approximately 3:00pm, I verbally notified Mr. Greg Dronen, Establishment Manager, of my decision to suspend inspection at Establishment M-6590. I advised Mr. Dronen that I was contacting the District Office about the suspension action and that the District Office would be following up with a written suspension letter to the establishment. I based my decision to suspend inspection at the establishment on the following information: At approximately 2:25pm, Consumer Safety Inspector (b) (6) [REDACTED] was finishing providing inspector relief breaks in the slaughter department and he heard a cow vocalizing excessively in the knock box. He went to investigate and saw a cow backwards in the knock box, standing, thrashing its head around and blood was dripping from its nose. The establishment employee was standing with the 0.25 caliber captive bolt stunner, waiting for the cow to settle. When the establishment employee attempted to stun the cow with the captive bolt stunner, he was chasing the head with the stunner. Upon contact with the stunner on the front of the head, the cow's head dropped, but the cow remained standing and rhythmically breathing. The cow eventually lifted its head up after one approximately ¾ of a minute. After this ineffective stun, the establishment employee did immediately reload the stunner. The cow was still moving its head around. After about 10-15 seconds of this head movement, (b) (6) [REDACTED] told the employee that the cow was suffering, and he needed to stun the cow again. The second knock, to the front of the head, effectively stunned the animal. After post mortem</p>

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90	M7356	Harmon Brothers Meats, Inc.	IJK3107103 715G	15OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	<p>HATS category VIII: Stunning Effectiveness At approximately 0725 hours after a medium sized Angus steer was presented for ante-mortem inspection and brought into the knock box, I, (b) (6) observed the following: A stun was attempted with a captive bolt gun and proved unsuccessful. The steer remained standing after the shot ( conscious righting reflex, conscious eye tracking ), I moved to the front of the knock box and observed a wound to the forehead with a small amount of streaming blood. The employee immediately reloaded and a second stun was attempted with identical results ( conscious righting reflex with conscious eye tracking ). At this point the same employee grabbed a .22 magnum rifle and shot the beef, this 3rd attempt was successful and rendered the animal insensible. The animal never vocalized but there were two visible bleeding wounds to the forehead, both captive bolt attempts appeared to be well placed. I immediately informed (b) (6) of this noncompliance and tagged the knockbox entrance with USDA rejected tag # B42200560 and stopped any further slaughter. I notified Plant Manger Roy Palmer about the mis-stun attempts and of my regulatory control actions. I called (b) (6) and (b) (6) and informed them of my observations and regulatory control measures. I also emailed (b) (6) and DDM Dr. Thompson at Jackson District office.</p>

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25	M7644	Kota Meats Inc.	NBO40111 00805G	05OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At 1100 hours on 10/5/18 during slaughter operations, the SPHV noted a potential humane handling concern. The fifth cattle of the day, a steer, had been knocked with a hand held captive bolt (HHCB) device, the neck cut had been made to facilitate bleed out, and it was lying on its side in the knock box area; but was still rhythmically breathing. The chest and abdomen were rising and falling approximately 5 times per ~15 seconds, the mouth was opening and closing, and there were guttural noises derived from its mouth due to the expiration of air during breathing. There was no righting reflex, palpebral/corneal response, or eye tracking, and the tongue was limp. The SPHV and CSI asked the plant to perform a second stun, which was performed with a HHCB device and resulted in continued breathing in the same manner as described above. A third stun was performed with a HHCB device, which resulted in diminished breathing and guttural noises but no other signs of consciousness. The neck cut was then made deeper by the owner, Mr. Alex Adame, after the third stun to speed bleed out. All skull stun holes located high and centrally focused on the forehead; head was not split to determine accuracy of shots into the brain. Two HHCB devices and a shotgun are available on the kill floor for stunning. A U.S. Reject Tag 529570 was placed on the knock box while further information was gathered. After discussion with the district office and establishment management, the tag was removed. Our observations were discussed with the owner, Mr. Alex Adame, and the concern with making cuts on an animal with signs of rhythmic breathing was discussed. We discussed that this could be a potential sign of returning to consciousness. Mr. Alex Adame agreed that cattle should have a security stun if still rhythmic breathing after the first stun or any additional</p>

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								stuns thereafter. He then translated this information to stunner employee (b) .
15	M889A	J.F. O'Neill Packing Co. Inc.	DSC490712 2708G	08DEC2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>I briefly met with Pat O'Neill (President) and (b) (6) on the morning of December 10th to inform them of a situation that occurred last Thursday. Apparently, an animal was found dead in a pen sometime during the late morning or early afternoon. The first I heard about this was on Friday, December 7th, when (b) (6) asked about a condemnation certificate for the animal in question. The establishment was able to provide documentation on Saturday from the rendering company confirming receipt of a carcass. While this is the first incident to my knowledge where I have been unable to verify the natural death of a presented animal, without that confirmation FSIS personnel can not responsibly issue a USDA Condemnation number and certificate. Furthermore, the establishment may be held liable for allowing a non-ambulatory animal through the production system which could lead to a recall scenario. Mr. O'Neill stated that he had seen the slashed and denatured carcass, and Mr. Acosta indicated that he had been unaware until much later after the incident initially occurred. At this time I will be completing a condemnation certificate, however, in the future any animals dying on the premises must be presented to FSIS.</p>

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60	M9442	Groff Meats Inc.	UTC271010 5305G	05OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>A stunning NR was written on August 29, 2018 for an ineffective first stunning attempt and NR number UTC5211085429 documented. Management response is “this was just a human mistake – stunner will not work if both probe[s] – [do not] make contact – don’t think hog received any electric”. Corrective actions indicating human error are not adequate corrective actions. Please advise on further planned measures. Thanks,</p>

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15	M960	Greater Omaha Packing Co., Inc.	PEE170810 4824G	24OCT2018	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>Observations and discussions with establishment management were made by (b) (6) [REDACTED], during the ninety day verification plan humane handling visit. On October 23rd, 2018 at approximately 0854 hours, I observed the following concern with HATS Category VIII – Stunning Effectiveness. A black bovine entered the restrainer with its head down. The establishment employee attempted to use the pneumatic captive bolt device to render the animal unconscious. I heard the device make its normal sound followed by vocalization from the animal. The animal vocalized an additional time and then moved its head away from the employee. The establishment employee then used the same pneumatic captive bolt device to immediately and effectively render the animal unconscious. I verbally requested the line be stopped and requested a supervisor through (b) (6) [REDACTED]. (b) (6) [REDACTED] had the pneumatic captive bolt device removed from service, replaced with a new device and replaced the employee with a more experienced stunner. The establishment employee was interviewed and stated the first stun attempt did not make contact with the head of the animal (grazed the hair line) but rather fired after the animal moved its head up and towards the stunner. The animal was not marked or retained for viewing after the incident and was not located after skinning. During the observations, no head wound was observed after the first stun attempt as the animal’s head was down and out of viewing sight. After discussing the incident with establishment management stunning resumed with no further incident or concern. At approximately 1245 hours, during the exit meeting the previous observations were</p>

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								<p>discussed with establishment management.  Attendees: (b) (6)  (b) (6)  (b) (6)  (b) (6);  (b) (6)  and (b) (6). We discussed the establishment employee's response to the stunning attempt and making sure to immediately and effectively stun the animal on the second attempt. We also discussed the importance of investigating these incidents to determine the cause prior to continuing operations. We also discussed the operation and mechanics of the pneumatic captive bolt device and its ability to fire when contact is not made with the animal. We correlated on animal movement in the restrainer and the importance of patience when stunning animals in a center belly conveyor restraint system. Establishment management will further investigate the incident and provide associated records as they are available.</p>