



Food Safety and
Inspection Service

March 03, 2022

Office of Field Operations

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DELIVERY CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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Ms. Kristin Chrismer, President
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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

Dear Ms. Chrismer,

This letter confirms verbal notification to Ms. Chrismer, President, at approximately, 1350 hours on March 03, 2022, by Mr. Joseph Schein, Deputy District Manager (DDM), Philadelphia District Office, of our decision to place the Notice of Suspension (NOS), issued to you on March 02, 2022, into abeyance. FSIS is providing you with this Notice of Suspension Held in Abeyance (NOSHIA) based on your proposed corrective actions and preventive measures. FSIS will be verifying your actions to ensure that you effectively implement the proffered corrective actions and preventive measures. This letter provides you with the chronology of events and conclusions, including your responsibilities as a federally inspected establishment.

In response to the suspension, you submitted corrective actions on the afternoon of March 02, 2022. FSIS submitted a Request for Clarification on March 03, 2022, to which you responded on March 03, 2022, with updated corrective actions, as well as modifications to your supplied Humane Handling plan. FSIS submitted another Request for Clarification on March 03, 2022, to which you responded, on this same date, with updated corrective actions.

Your Corrective and Preventive Measures are, but not limited to:

1. Employee responsible will be removed from the slaughter crew for a minimum of 30 days. Re-training will be completed, and the employee will be monitored to ensure he utilizes good humane handling practices.
2. To prevent future issues with balking animals, employees will be instructed to use good humane handling procedures to move animals and if the situation becomes stalled, they must walk away and find another employee to attempt to move the animal; or take a break and return later.
3. Re-training of all slaughter crew was provided on Thursday, March 03, 2022, utilizing the following:

- a. USDA video on Humane Handling of Livestock and Poultry featuring Dr. Temple Grandin
 - b. Recommended Captive Bolt Stunning Techniques for Cattle by Temple Grandin
 - c. Stoney Point Butchery Sensible Animals on the Bleeding Rail Policy
 - d. Emergency management Plan for Livestock
 - e. Non-ambulatory Handling Policy
 - f. Stoney Point Butchery mission statement for Animal Welfare
 - g. Slaughter floor employees were given a Slaughter Training Test to evaluate their knowledge and understanding of the good humane handling practices. Results are kept by management.
4. List for Slaughter Floor Personnel who received the above training will be maintained by management, and available for FSIS review upon request
 5. Plant manager will supervise moving of 20% of each species from holding pens to slaughter floor for a minimum of ninety (90) days. This will be recorded on the Self Evaluation for the Humane Handling of Livestock.

FSIS inspection personnel have designed a Verification Plan (VP) and will use it to monitor and verify that you have effectively implemented your proposed actions. The VP identifies your corrective actions from your responses submitted to FSIS, the relevant regulatory requirements, the tasks FSIS will use to conduct verification activities, and the time frames that you identified. While these verification activities are targeted to your plant's animal handling, FSIS personnel will continue to ensure all humane handling/stunning regulatory requirements of 9 CFR Part 313 are in regulatory compliance. A copy of the VP is attached as a reference to assist you in understanding Agency verification activities.

As an operator of a federally inspected facility, we expect you to comply with FSIS regulations and to take appropriate corrective action when either the establishment or FSIS identifies regulatory noncompliance. FSIS has the responsibility to initiate regulatory control or other appropriate action if your establishment fails either to operate in accordance with the regulations or to operate under sanitary conditions. A final decision relative to this enforcement action will be determined based on your establishment's ability to execute and comply with your proffered corrective actions and all applicable regulatory requirements. Your establishment's failure to meet the conditions of this abeyance may result in additional regulatory and/or administrative actions in accordance with the Rules of Practice 9 CFR Part 500.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Joseph Schein, Deputy District Manager (DDM) at joseph.schein@usda.gov or by phone at (215) 430-6219.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Valerie Clay
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Philadelphia District Office

**Stoney Point Butchery, Inc. (EST 9646) Verification Plan
March 03, 2022**

ESTABLISHMENT ACTION PLAN	9 CFR REGULATION	HUMANE HANDLING VERIFICATION CATEGORY	FREQUENCY
1. Employee responsible will be removed from the slaughter crew for a minimum of 30 days and receive re-training prior to resuming slaughter duties. Employee will be monitored by management upon returning to slaughter duties.	313.2	Category IV – Handling during Ante Mortem Inspection	Upon implementation, March 3, 2022, and the next 30 days.
2. Only trained personnel will be allowed to move animals from holding pens to the stunning area. A list of trained employees will be maintained by management and available for IPP review.	313.2	Category IV – Handling during Ante Mortem Inspection	Upon implementation, March 3, 2022, and each slaughter day.
3. Plant manager will supervise moving of 20% of each species from holding pens to slaughter floor for a minimum of ninety (90) days. This will be recorded on the Self Evaluation form for the Humane Handling of Livestock. These forms will be available for IPP review.	313.2	Category IV – Handling during Ante Mortem Inspection	Upon implementation, March 3, 2022, and each slaughter day.

***Inspection Program Personnel will perform humane handling verification every slaughter operation day to verify the adequacy and effectiveness of the establishment’s compliance with the humane handling regulatory requirements of 9 CFR Part 313.**

***Inspection Program Personnel will ensure all humane handling/stunning regulatory requirements are complying daily on each slaughter day, regardless of the stunning method.**

***Inspection Program Personnel will review all monitoring, verification, and corrective action records to verify procedures are being conducted as prescribed and at the specified frequency.**

***Please notify the Frontline Supervisor (FLS) and the District Veterinary Medical Specialist (DVMS) if there is any change in the establishment’s corrective action or preventive measures. The verification plan will then be modified appropriately.**

CC:

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