



July 26, 2022

Panhandle Processors Ltd.  
Establishment 47135  
401 W. US 70  
Lockney, TX 79241

SENT VIA EMAIL AND USPS

Attention: Mr. Clint Haider, Limited Partner

#### NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

On July 25, 2022, your establishment was provided verbal notification by Dr. Gary Davis, Deputy District Manager, that the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) was, effective immediately, suspending the assignment of inspectors related to the Slaughter Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan(s) at Establishment 47135, Panhandle Processors, Ltd. Lockney, Texas. This action was based on the observation of an egregious inhumane handling practice; a violation of Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 313.15(a)(1). A written Notice of Suspension (NOS) was issued to your establishment on July 25, 2022.

On July 25, 2022, your establishment provided two written response to the Dallas District Office containing proffered immediate corrective actions and further preventive measures to be implemented to ensure that animals would be handled and slaughtered humanely at your facility. Your corrective actions and preventive measures included the following: rejecting any cattle with horns that span more than 20 inches at the widest point and documenting the rejection in a log sheet; training two slaughter floor employees using the USDA consciousness and stunning training material and documenting on the Stun Training Log; using a high power stunner load for the handheld captive bolt guns on each animal with the same cartridge no matter the size or sex; observing every knock and documenting results in the Stun log for 90 consecutive operating days; verifying an effective stun and checking for sensibility by touching the eye of the animal to verify that there is no movement, and the animal is unconscious; performing maintenance and inspection of stunners weekly and documenting in the Stunner Maintenance Log; and keeping all stunners and loads within reach of the stun operator at all times.

After careful evaluation of the first and second submissions of your proffered corrective and preventive measures, you were contacted on July 26, 2022, by Dr. Kinsey Naylor-Byles, Deputy District Manager, who informed you of the decision to hold the suspension in abeyance. She also explained the verification process.

The suspension will remain in abeyance pending verification by FSIS that your proffered preventive and corrective measures have been effectively implemented. A copy of FSIS's Verification Plan is enclosed to assist you in understanding the nature and importance of the Agency's verification activities. This Verification Plan is designed to verify that your establishment fully implements the corrective actions in your response and that these actions are

effective in assuring ongoing regulatory compliance. It identifies the corrective action elements, the relevant regulatory requirements, and the Public Health Information System (PHIS) tasks under which each corrective action element will be verified.

You are reminded that as an operator of a federally inspected facility, you are expected to comply with FSIS Regulations and to take appropriate corrective action at your establishment. Failure to comply with regulatory requirements could result in the reinstatement of suspension of inspection for your HACCP plan(s), or other appropriate administrative or legal action.

If you have any questions, contact (b) (6)  
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Sincerely,

JENNIFER  
BEASLEY MCKEAN

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ou=Department of Agriculture,  
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Jennifer Beasley-McKean, DVM  
District Manager

cc:

(b) (6)  
Inspector in Charge, Establishment 47135, Lockney, TX

**VERIFICATION PLAN**  
**Panhandle Processors Ltd.**  
**Establishment 47135**  
**July 26, 2022**

On July 25, 2022, Panhandle Processors Ltd., Establishment 47135, Lockney, Texas, was issued a Notice of Suspension for an egregious incident in humane handling. This verification plan is designed to verify the corrective actions and preventive measures listed in the establishment's responses submitted on, July 25, 2022.

**Livestock Humane Handling**

**9 CFR 320.1 (a)**

**Verify once**

Verify that (b) (6), are trained in humane handling of livestock. Verify each trained employee's name, signature, and date of the training is documented on the *Stun Training Log*. The training is to be completed by Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

**Livestock Humane Handling**

**9 CFR 313.15 (a)(1) and 320.1 (a)**

**Verify Weekly**

Verify the maintenance and inspection of the two captive bolt stunning devices is performed once weekly and recorded on the *Stunner Maintenance Log*.

**Verify on Each Day of Slaughter**

Verify the two captive bolt stunning devices are within reach of the stunner operator and that no matter the size or sex, the animal will be stunned (security stun) using the high-power load at the knocking box and recorded on the *Stun Log*.

Verify that (b) (6) or QA Staff observes every stun knock on a daily basis and records the result/observation on the *Stun Log* for ninety consecutive operating days.

Verify the effective stunning (sensibility checks) of each animal slaughtered is recorded on the *Stun Log*.

Verify that any cattle with a horn span of 20 inches at the widest point will be rejected from harvest and the owner's name and animals ear tag is recorded on the *Cattle Rejection Log*.