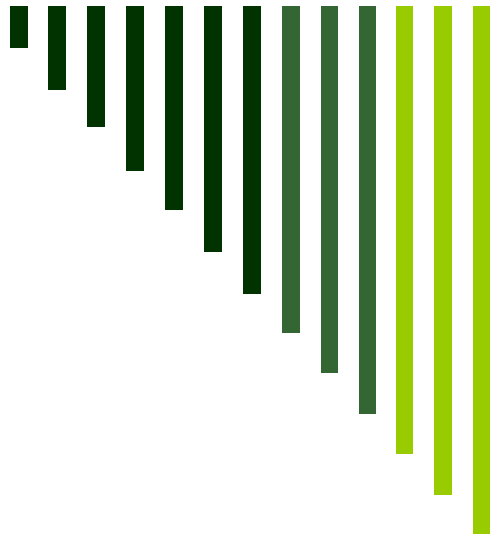


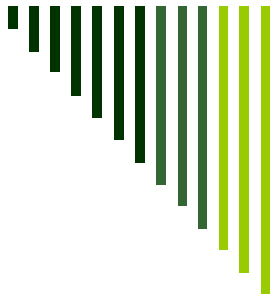
Responding to Enforcement Actions

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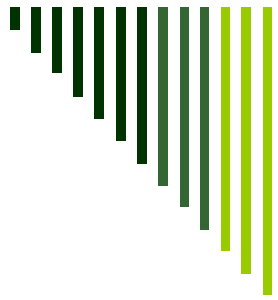


Noncompliance with 9 CFR 313
usually suspends slaughter



9 CFR 313.50

- 313.1 Facilities – Rejected Tag applied to noncomplying part of facility or to noncomplying equipment
 - 313.2 Handling – Rejected Tag applied to entrance of alleyway leading to stunning area
 - 313.5, 313.15, 313.16, 313.30 – Rejected Tag applied to entrance to stunning area.
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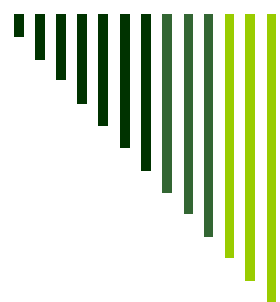
When Slaughter Is Stopped, New Animal Care Responsibilities Start

- Animals proceeding to slaughter must be returned to live pens
 - Animals held more than 24 hours must be fed
 - Animals on trucks must be watered and, perhaps, fed
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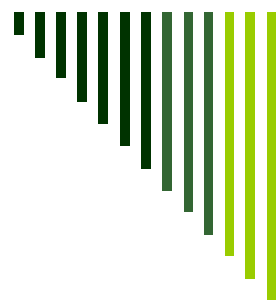
Put the Industry on Notice that
FSIS expects each establishment
to have a systematic approach to
Humane Handling



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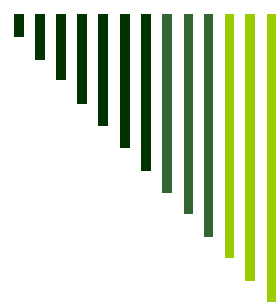
- Step 1 – conduct an initial assessment of where and under what circumstances livestock may experience excitement, discomfort, or accidental injury while being handled in connection with slaughter and, except for establishments conducting ritual slaughter, where and under what circumstances stunning problems may occur
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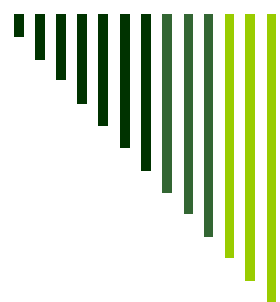
- Step 2 - Design facilities and implement practices that will minimize excitement, discomfort, or accidental injury to livestock
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- Step 3 – Evaluate periodically their handling methods to ensure they minimize excitement, discomfort, or accidental injury and , except for establishments conducting ritual slaughter, evaluate periodically their stunning methods to ensure that all livestock are rendered insensible to pain by a single blow
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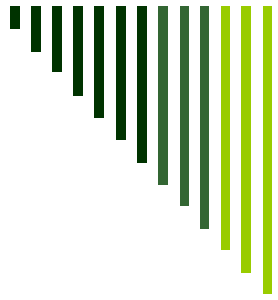
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- Step 4 – Improve handling practices and modify facilities when necessary to minimize excitement, discomfort, and accidental injury to livestock
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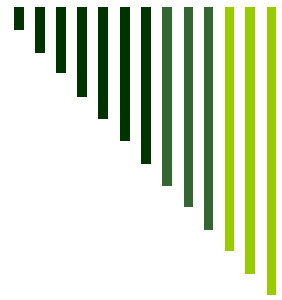
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The Fifth Step



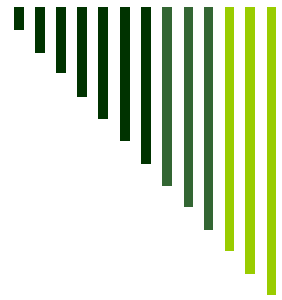
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- Step 5 – Take the time to project what can go wrong in each step of your live animal handling process. Decide how you can correct anything that goes wrong.
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- A prudent establishment may even proactively make corrections to prevent things from going wrong!
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- A prudent establishment will make correcting situations that are noncompliant part of employee training.
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QUESTIONS??

