



United States Department of Agriculture

January 12, 2023

South Canadian Meats LLC
Establishment 47815
24005 E. 880 Road
Thomas, OK 73669

HAND DELIVERED
SENT VIA USPS

Attention: Ms. Jennifer Payne, Owner

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

This letter confirms the verbal notification provided to Ms. Jennifer Payne on January 12, 2023, by Dr. Gary Davis, Deputy District Manager, that the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) is suspending the assignment of inspectors related to the Slaughter Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan at Establishment 47815, South Canadian Meats LLC, Thomas, Oklahoma.

On Thursday, January 12, 2023, at approximately 11:15 a.m., during review of the establishments humane handling verification, HAT category 8-Stunning Effectiveness, (b) (6) Consumer Safety Inspector (CSI), observed an egregious ineffective stunning of a cross-bred heifer. In the process of trying to render the heifer unconscious, the establishment stunned it five times; four attempts being ineffective. The steer remained in standing posture or recumbent in the blood pit and vocalized loudly during the stunning events. The animal was finally rendered unconscious by the fifth stun.

CSI (b) (6) took regulatory control action on the restrainer box applying U.S. Retained Tag B27672177. She notified (b) (6) slaughter supervisor, about the failure to render an animal unconscious on the (b) (6) accordance with Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 313.15(a)(1). Associated ineffective stun noncompliances were documented on 9/15/22, 11/29/22, and 12/16/22. This is a Category VIII - stunning effectiveness noncompliance.

The actions taken clearly show your establishment failed to handle and/or slaughter animals humanely, as required in the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1978, Title 7, Section 1902, which states in part, *all animals are rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot...*

This suspension action, without prior notification, is taken in accordance with the Rules of Practice, 9 CFR 500.3(b) which states, *FSIS also may impose a suspension without providing the establishment prior notification because the establishment is handling or slaughtering animals inhumanely.*

Your establishment does not have a robust systematic approach. FSIS is issuing a Notice of Suspension for this egregious inhumane handling event.

Food Safety and Inspection Service
Office of Field Operations
Dallas District Office
1100 Commerce Street, Room 516
Dallas, TX 75242
Voice 214-767-9116 Fax 844-622-0080
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The suspension of the assignment of inspectors will remain in effect until such time as you provide adequate written assurance to this office of corrective actions and preventive measures to assure that the handling and/or slaughter of animals will be done humanely and in accordance with the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), 21 United States Code (USC) 610(b), and the regulations promulgated therein. You may submit your corrective and preventive actions to my attention at the Dallas District Office.

You are reminded that as an operator of a federally inspected establishment, you are expected to comply with FSIS regulations and to take appropriate corrective actions to prevent inhumane slaughter. Please be advised that your failure to respond adequately to these rules may result in our initiating action to withdraw inspection from your establishment.

In accordance with 9 CFR 500.5(a)(5), you may appeal this action by contacting:

Paul V. Wolseley
Executive Associate for Regulatory Operations
Office of Field Operations
Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Room 1329 South Building
Washington, DC 20250
Office: (202) 708-9506
Cell: (630) 544-9805
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In addition, you may request a hearing regarding this determination pursuant to FSIS's Rules of Practice, 9 CFR 500. The Rules of Practice were published in the Federal Register, Volume 64, Number 228, on November 29, 1999. As specified in Section 500.5(d), should you request a hearing, FSIS will file a complaint that will include a request for an expedited hearing. If you wish to request a hearing regarding this determination, you should contact:

Mr. Scott C. Safian, Director
Enforcement Operations Branch
Office of Investigation, Enforcement and Audit
Food Safety and Inspection Service
United States Department of Agriculture
Stop Code 3753, PP3, Cubicle 9-235-A
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250
Telephone: (202) 418-8872
Fax Number: (202) 245-5097

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If you have any questions, please contact (b) (6) District Veterinary Medical
Specialist (DVMS), at (b) (6) or (b) (6) DVMS, at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

GARY DAVIS
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Gary Davis, DVM
Deputy District Manager

cc:

(b) (6) Frontline Supervisor, Stillwater, OK
Inspector in Charge, Establishment 47815, Thomas, OK

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I received a copy of this Notice of Suspension dated January 12, 2023, on:

Date

Responsible Plant Official

Signature of FSIS Witness