



January 22, 2024

Hometown Meat Market LLC
Establishment 936
2600 N. FM 973
Austin, TX 78725

Sent via email & USPS

Attention: Mr. Anthony Cole Bolton, Plant Owner

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

On January 19, 2024, your establishment was provided verbal notification by Dr. Kinsey Naylor-Byles, 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 Hometown Meat Market LLC, Establishment 936, Austin, 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), Parts 313.15(a)(3) and 313.15(b)(1)(iii). A written Notice of Suspension was issued to your establishment on January 19, 2024.

On January 19, 2024, and January 21, 2024, your establishment provided written responses to the Dallas District Office proffering 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,

- 1) Training of employees on handling animals, stunning, and sensibility check, training documented on Training log.
- 2) Monitoring areas of the animals holding facility, animals' handling, including head catch and stunning effectiveness on each day animals on the property and result documented on Humane handling log.
- 3) Sensibility checks to be performed on each animal on each day of slaughter and the result documented on Sensibility Check Form.
- 4) All captive bolts and other stun devices to be maintained and verified in working condition before use, maintenance and cleaning documented on Blitz Cleaning and Maintenance Record.

After careful evaluation of the submissions of your proffered corrective and preventive measures, you were contacted on January 22, 2024, by Dr. Naylor-Byles who informed you of the decision to hold the suspension in abeyance and 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

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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), District Veterinary Medical Specialist (DVMS), at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

JENNIFER BEASLEY MCKEAN
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District Manager

cc:

(b) (6), Frontline Supervisor, San Antonio, TX
Inspector in Charge, Establishment 936, Luling, TX

VERIFICATION PLAN
Hometown Meat Market LLC
Establishment 936
January 22, 2024

On Friday January 19, 2024, Hometown Meat Market LLC, Establishment 936, Luling, Texas, was issued a Notice of Suspension for an egregious incident of inhumane handling. This verification plan is designed to verify the corrective actions and preventive measures listed in the establishment's responses submitted on January 19, 2024, and January 21, 2024, are effectively implemented.

Livestock Humane Handling

9 CFR 320.1 (a)

Verify once

Verify that training of employees on animals' handling, stunning, and sensibility check has been completed and employees' names, list of training, and signatures matches employees who performed the training. Record documented on the **Training Log**.

Livestock Humane Handling

9 CFR 313.15(a)(1), 9 CFR 313.15(a)(3), 9 CFR 313.15(b)(1)(iii), 9 CFR 313.1, 9 CFR 313.2, and 9 CFR 320.1(a)

Verify on each day of slaughter & on each day animals are on inspected premises

Verify that areas of animals' holding facility, including condition of the head catch, animals' handling and stunning effectiveness are monitored on each day animals are on inspected premises, and results documented on the **Humane Handling Log**.

Verify that sensibility check is performed on each inspected animal and result documented on the **Sensibility Check Form**.

Verify that captive bolts are maintained and verified in working condition and results documented on the **Blitz Cleaning and Maintenance Record**.