

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND CONSUMER SERVICES
Veterinary Division
Raleigh, North Carolina**

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Policy for Removal of Live Animals from MPID Official Slaughter Premises in North Carolina

I. Purpose:

This notice outlines the official policy of the State Veterinarian regarding removal of live animals after presentation to and offloading on the official premises of any inspected slaughter plant located within the state of North Carolina that is overseen by NCDA&CS MPID employees.

The comingling of animals from multiple origins with varying disease backgrounds at an end point of concentration such as a slaughter plant poses a risk of infectious disease spread between the population prior to slaughter. Slaughter pens are typically operated as continuous flow, rather than all in-all out operations, and are not routinely disinfected daily or between loads. Animals entering the official premises can exchange infectious agents prior to the slaughter process, and are therefore deemed infectious and a risk of disease dissemination if they leave the site while alive.

II. Cancellation: None

III. References: NC General Statutes 106-400

IV. Definitions:

“Slaughter plant” means any official establishment under the inspection of the NCDA&CS-Meat and Poultry Inspection Division (MPID)

”Official premises” means any portion of an official slaughter plant designated as such on the approved plot plan.

“Animal” means any member of a species intended for food after slaughtering and processing at an official establishment, to include cattle, sheep, swine, goats, bison, and poultry.

V. Procedures:

- 1) No animals off loaded into the official holding pens of an official slaughter establishment shall be removed from the site alive except under the provisions provided in this Notice. This notice does not preclude the brief unloading and reloading strictly for sorting purposes.
- 2) Animals shall not be removed from an official establishment for the purpose of returning to a farm or transport to another point of concentration. Exceptions will only be granted by the State Veterinarian or his/her designee.
- 3) Upon request from plant management, animals may be moved directly to another official slaughter establishment under the following conditions:

- a) The animals are inspected by an MPID inspector and deemed to be not visibly infected with a suspected foreign animal disease (FAD) or other highly contagious regulated transmissible disease
- b) The animals are moved directly to the receiving slaughter plant under the authority of a properly completed and signed VS 1-27. The form must be signed by the issuing inspector as well as the inspector at the receiving plant after verification that the entire contents of the load have arrived.
- c) A copy of the VS 1-27 form shall be mailed to the NCDA&CS Veterinary Division's AHP Livestock office within 48 hours of movement (1030 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1030). Completed VS 1-27's will be retained in the Veterinary Division office for a period of 3 years.

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