



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION DIVISION  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Steve Troxler, Commissioner

**MPID NOTICE**

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**Diamond Skin Disease – When to Retain for Veterinary Disposition**

**I. PURPOSE:**

This notice is being issued to provide instructions for inspection personnel on when to retain a swine carcass with diamond skin disease for veterinary disposition.

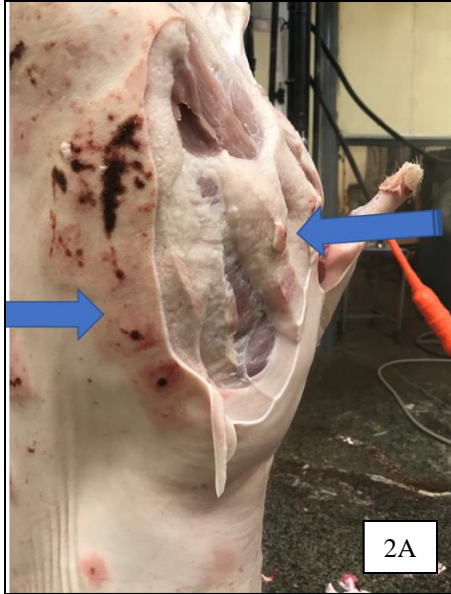
**II. REFERENCES:** 9 CFR 311.5 and 9 CFR 311.6

**III. PROCEDURE:**

- A. IPP are to retain a swine carcass with diamond skin lesions for Veterinary Disposition: If the carcass presents with skin lesions and any other disease condition, the carcass and viscera must be retained for veterinary disposition after the inspector completes all required inspection procedures. Examples of disease conditions include but are not limited to pneumonia, arthritis, abscesses, redness and/or swelling of any internal tissues, enlarged and/or red lymph nodes, hemorrhages (small red dots) on kidneys.
- B. If the carcass presents with only diamond skin lesions, regardless of the number and no other signs of disease are seen, IPP may have the establishment trim all diamond skin lesions, meaning removal of all affected tissue, examples 1A (before) and 1B (after). If the inspector is unsure of the significance of additional abnormalities or if there are any questions, the carcass and viscera should be retained for veterinary disposition.



C. Upon reexamination of the carcass, IPP are to insure the establishment has trimmed all the lesions. Below are examples of improperly trimmed carcasses, examples 2A, 2B and 2C.



**IV. AWARENESS MEETING WITH ESTABLISHMENT MANAGEMENT:**

During the next weekly meeting, IPP at State and TA swine slaughter establishments are to discuss this notice with establishment management and document their discussion in Weekly Meeting MOI.

**V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact your Supervisor.

**Dr. Karen Beck**  
**State Director**

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**SUBJECT CATEGORY:**  
Slaughter