

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
VETERINARY SERVICES**

**LISTING AGREEMENT FOR A SLAUGHTER ESTABLISHMENT
HANDLING LIVESTOCK OR LIVESTOCK CARCASSES (NON-POULTRY) IN
INTERSTATE COMMERCE PURSUANT TO
TITLE 9, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

NAME OF SLAUGHTER ESTABLISHMENT _____

ADDRESS OF SLAUGHTER ESTABLISHMENT _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

I, _____ (name of the individual legally responsible for the day-to-day operations of the slaughter establishment), operator of _____ (name of facility), hereby agree to maintain and operate the slaughter establishment located at _____ (address of premises) in accordance with the applicable provisions of this agreement.

Type of livestock carcasses being handled (check all that apply)

Bovine Bison Porcine Ovine Caprine Equine Cervid Other (please specify)

Cooperation

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS), must be provided with a schedule of the slaughter establishment's days of operation, along with the types of animals that will be handled at the establishment on the days of operation. The Area Veterinarian in Charge (AVIC) must be informed of any changes to the hours of normal operation within 1 week prior to the implementation of the changes. In emergency situations, such as large livestock losses due to weather, fire, or failure of ventilation equipment, the AVIC will be notified of changed operating hours as soon as practicable.

APHIS will provide the operator of the slaughter establishment advance notice of when APHIS or its representatives will be taking blood and/or tissue samples at the establishment. The notice may be in any form or by any means that the AVIC reasonably believes will reach the operator of the slaughter establishment prior to the start of sample collection. The notice will include the anticipated date and time sample collection will begin. The notice will also include the anticipated ending date and time, except that in cases of continuous sampling, the ending date may be stated as "continuous sampling."

The slaughter establishment agrees to grant APHIS or its representatives access to the establishment during normal business hours to collect tissue samples and to evaluate whether the slaughter establishment and its operations are in compliance with the applicable provisions of this agreement and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) Section 71.21.

The slaughter establishment agrees to immediately notify the AVIC of his or her representative if the slaughter establishment discovers, suspects, or has reason to believe that any livestock or livestock carcass presented at the slaughter establishment is either affected by, exposed to, or shows signs of possibly being affected by or exposed to any program, emerging, or foreign animal disease.

The slaughter establishment agrees to provide safe space, appropriate equipment, and access to the processing line within the slaughter establishment for blood and tissue sample collection, and to allow and facilitate APHIS or its representatives to collect blood and tissue samples from all livestock or livestock carcasses at the facility. There will be no cost to APHIS or its representatives for the blood and/or tissue materials. The slaughter establishment agrees that this collection station must consist of adequate, unobstructed line space for each specimen collector to safely collect all samples needed.

The slaughter establishment agrees to provide adequate facilities and supplies, including soap and disinfectant for washing hands and sterilizing instruments. These facilities must be located next to the collection station where practicable.

The slaughter establishment agrees to allow APHIS or its representatives to record the identification of animals and retain any external or internal identification devices.

The slaughter establishment agrees to provide adequate office and sample collection space, including necessary furnishings, light, and heat rent free for APHIS or its representatives to use when collecting samples for blood and tissue testing.

NOTE: Some facilities may not need to furnish all of the above prescribed establishment if adequate space exist in a nearby location, provided that they (1) are conveniently located, are properly ventilated, and have lockers suitable for the protection and storage of supplies; (2) have sufficient light to be adequate for proper conduct of sample collection and processing; (3) include racks, receptacles, or other suitable devices for retaining such parts as the head, glands, and viscera, and all parts and blood to be collected, until after the postmortem examination is completed; (4) include impervious tables, benches, and other equipment on which sample collection and processing are to be performed of such design, material, and construction to enable sample collection and processing in a safe, ready, efficient, and clean manner; (5) have adequate arrangements for facilities to be cleaned and disinfected, including liquid soap and cleansers for cleansing and disinfecting hands, dissection tools, floors, and other articles and places that may be contaminated by diseased carcasses or otherwise; and (6) have adequate facilities, including denaturing materials, for the proper disposal of tissue, blood, and other waste generated during test sample collection.

RECORDS

The slaughter establishment agrees to maintain for 2 years records such as weigh tickets, sales slips, and records of origin, identification, and destination that relate to livestock or livestock carcasses that are in, or that have been in, the slaughter establishment. The slaughter establishment agrees to permit APHIS or its representatives to review and copy those records during normal business hours.

IDENTIFICATION

The slaughter establishment agrees that all livestock or livestock carcasses will be officially identified in accordance with 9 CFR, parts 71, 75, 78, 79, and 85, at the time of, or prior to, entry into the establishment.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

The slaughter establishment agrees to maintain live animal handling facilities, including all yards, docks, pens, alleys, chutes, scales, means of conveyance, and their associated equipment, in a clean and sanitary condition. In addition, it is agreed that the operator of the slaughter establishment is responsible for the cleaning and disinfection of the slaughter establishment in accordance with 9 CFR, parts 71, 75, 78, and 85, and for maintaining an adequate supply of disinfectant and serviceable equipment for cleaning and disinfection.

LISTING

Request to be listed:

The slaughter establishment requests listed status for the classes of livestock or livestock carcasses indicated in this agreement. The slaughter establishment agrees to allow APHIS or its representatives to take blood and tissue samples from all livestock or livestock carcasses at this slaughter establishment without cost to APHIS or its representatives. The slaughter establishment specifically allows APHIS or its representatives adequate, safe access to the processing line for collection of blood and tissue specimens and allows APHIS or its representatives to record and retain all forms of internal and external individual animal identification devices.

The slaughter establishment acknowledges that it has been informed and understands that failure to abide by the provisions of this agreement and the applicable provisions of 9 CFR, parts 71, 75, 78, and 85, constitutes a basis for the revocation of this listing.

Printed Name	Signature of Operator	Date

Prelisting inspection of slaughter facility conducted

Printed Name	Signature of APHIS Representative	Date

Recommend approval:

Printed Name	Signature of Area Veterinarian in Charge	Date