

**Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA**

**§313.2**

**§312.9 Official detention marks and devices.**

The official mark for articles and livestock detained under part 329 of this subchapter shall be the designation "U.S. Detained" and the official device for applying such mark shall be the official "U.S. Detained" tag (FSIS Form 8400-2) as prescribed in §329.2 of this subchapter.

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**§312.10 Official mark for maintaining the identity and integrity of samples.**

The official mark for use in sealing containers of samples submitted under any requirements in this subchapter and section 202 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act shall bear the designation "Sample Seal" accompanied by the official USDA logo as shown below. Any seal approved by the Administrator for applying such mark shall be deemed an official device for purposes of the Act. Such device shall be supplied to inspectors, compliance officers, and other designated Agency officials by the United States Department of Agriculture.



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**PART 313—HUMANE SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK**

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- 313.1 Livestock pens, driveways and ramps.
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- 313.5 Chemical; carbon dioxide
- 313.15 Mechanical; captive bolt.
- 313.16 Mechanical; gunshot.
- 313.30 Electrical; stunning or slaughtering with electric current.
- 313.50 Tagging of equipment, alleyways, pens or compartments to prevent inhumane slaughter or handling in connection with slaughter.
- 313.90 [Reserved]

AUTHORITY: 7 U.S.C. 1901-1906; 21 U.S.C. 601-695; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.55.

SOURCE: 44 FR 68813, Nov. 30, 1979, unless otherwise noted.

**§313.1 Livestock pens, driveways and ramps.**

(a) Livestock pens, driveways and ramps shall be maintained in good repair. They shall be free from sharp or protruding objects which may, in the opinion of the inspector, cause injury or pain to the animals. Loose boards, splintered or broken planking, and unnecessary openings where the head, feet, or legs of an animal may be injured shall be repaired.

(b) Floors of livestock pens, ramps, and driveways shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide good footing for livestock. Slip resistant or wafled floor surfaces, cleated ramps and the use of sand, as appropriate, during winter months are examples of acceptable construction and maintenance.

(c) U.S. Suspects (as defined in §301.2(xxx)) and dying, diseased, and disabled livestock (as defined in §301.2(y)) shall be provided with a covered pen sufficient, in the opinion of the inspector, to protect them from the adverse climatic conditions of the locale while awaiting disposition by the inspector.

(d) Livestock pens and driveways shall be so arranged that sharp corners and direction reversal of driven animals are minimized.

[44 FR 68813, Nov. 30, 1979, as amended at 53 FR 49848, Dec. 12, 1988]

**§313.2 Handling of livestock.**

(a) Driving of livestock from the unloading ramps to the holding pens and from the holding pens to the stunning area shall be done with a minimum of excitement and discomfort to the animals. Livestock shall not be forced to move faster than a normal walking speed.

(b) Electric prods, canvas slappers, or other implements employed to drive animals shall be used as little as possible in order to minimize excitement and injury. Any use of such implements which, in the opinion of the inspector, is excessive, is prohibited. Electrical prods attached to AC house