



**FSIS Notice 08-11  
INSPECTION  
RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
AUTHORITIES FOR  
SLAUGHTER OR  
EVISCERATION LINE SPEED  
PROCESS CONTROL**

***District Office Correlation  
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- Received questions concerning in-plant inspection authorities to slow or stop lines.
- PPIA and FMIA authority for inspection to assess whether carcasses are not adulterated and can be passed for human consumption
- PHV or IIC authority to slow and stop lines
- Online IPP authority to stop lines

# PHV or IIC AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ensure that IPP can perform a post-mortem inspection
- slow maximum line speeds when process control of line speeds is not maintained
- document appropriately when line speed reduced
- regularly correlate appropriate Agency standards

# PHV or IIC AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- monitor performance of IPP to assure uniformity of inspection procedures and actions
- respond when on–line IPP report potential problems with presentation, sanitary dressing, contamination, and pathology

# PHV or IIC AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Poultry: perform or assign presentation checks according to presentation forms
- Live stock perform or assign verifications
  - to assess line speed process control
  - in conjunction with verification activities to determine establishment's slaughter and sanitary dressing procedures are controlling contamination that may impact IPP's ability to perform proper post-mortem



# ONLINE INSPECTION AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- stop the line for safety and health reasons
- notify the PHV or IIC or off-line IPP if they detect trends of increasing contamination, pathology and disease or improper presentation.
- have the authority to stop the line at times needing immediate intervention to prevent the production of adulterated or unwholesome product.

# ONLINE INSPECTION AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Poultry Example: if numerous birds in a row are presented at the inspection station with excessive contamination or disease conditions or improper presentation, then the PHV or IIC should be notified and the line should be stopped until the immediate situation is corrected.

# ONLINE INSPECTION AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- If the occurrence of affected birds is occasional then the inspector is to direct the establishment helper to “hang back” the carcass without stopping the line



# ONLINE INSPECTION AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- On-line inspectors assigned to a livestock slaughter establishment are to stop the line according to FSIS Directive 6420.2, Verification of Procedures for Control of Fecal Material, Ingesta and Milk in Slaughter Operations. (Part II. 1. A.) and in accordance with FSIS Directive: 6100.2, Post-mortem Livestock Inspection

# FSIS Notice 08-11 Survey

- Survey will start end of this week
- Helps determine if notice is clear
- Part of determining effectiveness of FSIS Notices/Directives
- Random sample of PHVs or IICs
- Participants will receive email directing them to survey on the web
- Questions: [Isabel.arrington@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Isabel.arrington@fsis.usda.gov)