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**Regulatory References: ANTEMORTEM INSPECTION**

Regulatory Reference	Summary
 <p><b>Statutes</b></p> <p><b>FMIA 603(a)</b> <b>PPIA 455(a)</b></p>	<p><b>Authority:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To prevent the use in commerce of adulterated products, the Secretary shall cause an examination and inspection of all animals before entering a slaughtering, canning, or similar establishment.</li> <li>Animals with symptoms of diseases shall be separated, slaughtered separately and carefully examined and disposed of appropriately.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Regulations</b></p> <p><b>9 CFR 309 (Livestock)</b> <b>9 CFR 381 (Poultry)</b></p>	<p><b>Applies To:</b> All livestock and poultry offered for slaughter in an official establishment.</p> <p><b>Main Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livestock and poultry shall be examined and inspected on the day of and before slaughter.</li> <li>Inspection shall be made in pens on establishment premises <u>before</u> livestock are allowed to enter any department where they are to be slaughtered or dressed or in which edible products are handled.</li> <li>Animals are to be inspected at rest and then in motion to detect abnormal conditions or symptoms of diseases identified in the regulations.</li> <li>Animals suspected of having abnormal conditions or diseases are to be segregated, identified for further examination, and if necessary, identified for final disposition in postmortem inspection.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Directives</b></p> <p><b>6100.1, Ante-mortem Livestock Inspection</b></p> <p><b>6100.3, Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Poultry Inspection</b></p> <p><b>6170.1, Ratite Ante-Mortem and Post-mortem Inspection</b></p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides instructions to inspection program personnel on how to inspect livestock before (ante-mortem) slaughter. Includes instructions for determining disposition of non-ambulatory disabled cattle.</li> <li>Instructs PHVs and off-line and on-line inspection program personnel on how to perform ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of poultry and of the conditions under which the birds are processed.</li> <li>Instructs inspection program personnel on how to perform ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of ratites.</li> </ul>



## Notices

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