



FACTA

Animal Welfare Assurance, Certification & Training

Rabbit Welfare Transportation and Processing Audit Tool

***Any major nonconformance will result in immediate failure of the audit. Audit will still be completed in its entirety, but a re-audit must occur on any major nonconformance within 30 days. Anything less than the total score of 85.0% is failure of the FACTA, LLC (“FACTA”) audit. Points are not awarded on a sliding scale unless otherwise specified. Each section of the audit does not stand alone, and the entire audit is scored as one sample. (Sections within the audit do not stand alone). Corrective actions are required for any area in noncompliance with audit standards. Corrective actions must be completed and sent to FACTA within 30 days of receiving audit results.**

Transportation – Section #1

Q#	Audit Tool	Verification/Guideline Process	Numerical Value (Points Awarded)
1.1.0	If euthanasia is observed, are rabbits handled humanely during the process? N/A if not observed.		Pass/Fail/ N/A
1.1.1	If euthanasia is observed, do caretakers confirm death after the euthanasia method is applied? N/A if not observed.		Pass/Fail/ N/A
1.2.0	Does transport have a euthanasia plan consistent with acceptable methods according to the American Veterinary Medical Association’s (“AVMA”) Euthanasia Standards and Humane Methods of Slaughter Act?		Pass/Fail
1.3.0	At any time did you observe animal abuse?		Pass/Fail

Q#	Audit Tool	Verification/Guideline Process	Numerical Value (Points Awarded)
1.4.0	Are transporters/handlers trained in animal welfare handling?		(10) ()
1.5.0	Can handlers/transporters articulate the company's euthanasia plan?		(5) ()
1.5.1	Can handlers/transporters articulate the animal welfare training related to their specific duties?		(5) ()
1.5.2	Can handlers/transporters articulate the company's animal abuse policy and how to report abuse?		(5) ()
1.6.0	Does the live haul department have an emergency action plan?		(5) ()
1.6.1	Are emergency contacts and emergency plans available on trucks for emergencies, i.e. fire, weather and power outages?		(5) ()
1.7.0	Does the live haul department have procedures and/or equipment in the event of extreme weather, mechanical failure or turnovers?		(10) ()
1.8.0	Are handlers placing rabbits carefully into the transport cages? N/A if not handled.		(15/N/A) ()
1.8.1	Is handling equipment in proper condition to prevent injury to rabbits? N/A if handling equipment is not used.		(15/N/A) ()
1.9.0	Are cages properly sized to accommodate the number of rabbits being placed?		(10) ()

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1.10.0	Are 97% of transport cages in proper condition?		(10) ()
1.11.0	Is there a documented protocol in place to address cage damage and make necessary repairs?		(5) ()
1.12.0	Does the company monitor the length of time rabbits are in transport and keep records in order to address areas that could cause animal welfare issues?		(5) ()
1.13.0	Do handlers remove rabbits carefully from cages and place them into holding pens without resulting in injury? N/A if not handled.		(15/N/A) ()
1.14.0	Is handling equipment in proper condition to prevent injury to rabbits? N/A if handling equipment is not used.		(15/N/A) ()
	Transportation – Section #1		(135) ()

Processing Plant – Section #2

Q#	Audit Tool	Verification/Guideline Process	Numerical Value (Points Awarded)
2.1.0	Do employees attend an orientation program for animal welfare?		(10) ()
2.1.1	Does the plant have a documented annual welfare training program for all employees involved in the handling of live animals?		(5) ()
2.2.0	Have all employees been trained and signed off on the company's animal abuse policy?		(5) ()
2.2.1	Can handlers/transporters articulate the company's euthanasia plan?		(5) ()
2.2.2	Can handlers/transporters articulate the animal welfare training related to their specific duties?		(5) ()
2.2.3	Can handlers/transporters articulate the company's animal abuse policy and how to report abuse?		(5) ()
2.3.0	Does the plant have an emergency action plan for emergencies, i.e. fire, weather and power outages plan?		(5) ()
2.3.1	Are emergency contacts posted on-site for emergencies, i.e. fire, weather and power outages?		(5) ()
2.4.0	Does the company have a plan and equipment (i.e. fans) available for keeping rabbits comfortable in holding areas?		(5) ()

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2.5.0	Do company procedures for fan operation have designated temperatures at which fans are to be operated?		(10) ()
2.5.1	Does the site have procedures and/or equipment to prevent death of animals in the event of extreme weather or a mechanical ventilation failure?		(10) ()
2.6.0	Are holding times kept to the minimum consistent with good processing practices?		(10) ()
2.7.0	Is dead on arrival (“DOA”) % documented with anything over 1% in the last week?		(10) ()
2.8.0	Does the plant use methods of euthanasia acceptable according to the AVMA’s Euthanasia Standards and Humane Methods of Slaughter Act?		Pass/Fail
2.9.0	Is there documented euthanasia training for those responsible for euthanasia?		(5) ()
2.10.0	Is backup euthanasia equipment stored properly to maintain integrity of equipment and ammunition?		(10) ()
2.11.0	Is there documentation of euthanasia equipment maintenance or maintenance being calibrated periodically?		(5) ()
2.12.0	Do handlers remove rabbits carefully from holding pens into carts and from carts to the kill area without resulting in injury?		(15) ()

Q#	Audit Tool	Verification/Guideline Process	Numerical Value (Points Awarded)
2.13.0	Are livestock pens maintained in good repair?		(10) ()
2.14.0	Are livestock carts maintained in good repair?		(10) ()
2.15.0	Is water provided ab libitum in holding pens?		(10) ()
2.16.0	Is feed provided when rabbits are held an extended amount of time?		(10) ()
2.16.1	Do rabbits have adequate space allowance in holding pens?		(10) ()
2.17.0	Does more than 20 seconds elapse between stunning and neck cutting?		(20) ()
2.18.0	Are rabbits successfully rendered unconscious the first time the euthanasia method is used? Observe 100 rabbits.		(30) ()
2.19.0	Are rabbits successfully rendered insensible before they are cut?		Pass/Fail
2.20.0	Observe the euthanasia of 100 rabbits. Record the number of rabbits not properly euthanized.		Pass/Fail
2.21.0	At any time during the audit did you observe animal abuse?		Pass/Fail
	Processing Plant – Section #2		(225) ()

Company Animal Welfare Policies – Section #3

Q#	Audit Tool	Verification/Guideline Process	Numerical Value (Points Awarded)
3.1.0	Does the company’s animal welfare program cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding area management (including feed/water) • Plant breakdown • Unloading/handling • Euthanasia • Animal abuse policy • Annual welfare training 		(30) ()
3.2.0	Does the company have a documented annual internal auditing inspection process in place for transport?		(15) ()
3.3.0	Does the company have a documented annual internal auditing inspection process in place for the processing facility?		(15) ()
3.4.0	Does the company have a process in place whereby animal welfare violations can be reported without threat of retaliation?		(15) ()
	Company Animal Welfare Policies – Section #3		(75) ()

Summary Sheet and Score

Date Completed	Audit Section	Possible Points/ Actual Points
	Transportation – Section #1	(135) ()
	Processing Plant – Section #2	(225) ()
	Company Animal Welfare Policies – Section #3	(75) ()
	Animal Abuse	Pass/Fail
Total Score:		(435) ()
Total %:		