

1721.0104 SLAUGHTER-ONLY HANDLING FACILITY.**Subpart 1. Permits.**

A. A person may not operate a slaughter-only handling facility in the state unless the person has first obtained an annual permit from the board.

B. The board may only issue an annual permit to operate a slaughter-only handling facility to a person who is currently licensed by the Department of Agriculture as a livestock dealer and after an inspection of the premises is conducted by the board to determine compliance with this part.

C. The board may refuse to grant or may revoke a slaughter-only handling facility permit when the applicant or permit holder has failed to meet the requirements of this part.

Subp. 2. Requirements for operation.

A. The slaughter-only handling facility must be separate and apart from other livestock handling facilities.

B. All cattle leaving the facility must be moved directly to a slaughtering establishment under federal inspection.

C. Cattle may only be held at the facility for a maximum of five business days unless prior permission from the board is obtained in accordance with the requirements in subpart 5.

D. The premises must be maintained in a reasonably clean and sanitary condition at all times.

E. Regulatory officials shall be granted access to the premises for the purpose of inspecting the facility for compliance with laws and rules of the board.

Subp. 3. Animal identification. All cattle must be identified with an official back tag before being commingled at the site. Cattle held more than five business days must be officially eartagged in accordance with subpart 5.

Subp. 4. Records. A person operating a slaughter-only handling facility must maintain records in a manner approved by the board on all livestock handled. Required records on each animal include:

- A. date of arrival at the facility and date of departure from the facility;
- B. sex, breed, and age of animal;
- C. name and address of the person or entity from whom the animal was acquired;
- D. name of the slaughter establishment to which the animal was moved;
- E. back tag records as required in part 1721.0140, subpart 4;

F. tagging records for any animal to which official identification is applied in accordance with subpart 5 and part 1721.0030, subpart 4; and

G. documentation of interstate movement for any animal imported into Minnesota and entering the facility.

Subp. 5. **Animals held for more than five business days.** Permission may be granted by the board to hold cattle for up to 60 days at a slaughter-only handling facility under the following conditions:

A. all cattle held for more than five days must be identified with an official ear tag and the official ear tag number must be recorded and correlated with the official back tag number; and

B. all cattle held for more than five business days must be kept separate from other cattle at the facility.

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