

4-123.1. INHUMANE SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (I) "HUMANE METHOD" MEANS:

1. A METHOD BY WHICH LIVESTOCK ARE RENDERED INSENSIBLE TO PAIN, BY A SINGLE BLOW OR GUNSHOT, OR BY AN ELECTRICAL, CHEMICAL, OR OTHER RAPID AND EFFECTIVE MEANS, BEFORE BEING SHACKLED, HOISTED, THROWN, CAST, OR CUT; OR

2. RITUAL SLAUGHTER.

(II) "HUMANE METHOD" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE USE OF A MANUALLY OPERATED HAMMER, SLEDGE, OR POLEAX DURING A SLAUGHTERING OPERATION.

(3) (I) "LIVESTOCK" MEANS CATTLE, CALVES, SHEEP, SWINE, HORSES, MULES, GOATS, OR OTHER ANIMALS THAT MAY BE USED IN THE PREPARATION OF A MEAT PRODUCT.

(II) "LIVESTOCK" DOES NOT INCLUDE POULTRY OR OTHER FOWL.

(4) "PACKER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF:

(I) SLAUGHTERING; OR

(II) MANUFACTURING OR PREPARING A MEAT OR LIVESTOCK PRODUCT FOR SALE.

(5) "RITUAL SLAUGHTER" MEANS A METHOD OF SLAUGHTER BY WHICH LIVESTOCK SUFFER LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS BY ANEMIA OF THE BRAIN CAUSED BY SIMULTANEOUS AND INSTANTANEOUS SEVERANCE OF THE CAROTID ARTERIES WITH A SHARP INSTRUMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RITUAL REQUIREMENTS OF A RELIGIOUS FAITH.

(6) "SLAUGHTERER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTERING OF LIVESTOCK.

(7) "STOCKYARD" MEANS A FACILITY, CONSISTING OF PENS, OTHER ENCLOSURES, AND APPURTENANCES, OPERATED FOR COMPENSATION OR PROFIT AS A PUBLIC MARKET TO HANDLE, KEEP, AND HOLD LIVESTOCK FOR SALE OR SHIPMENT.

(B) DECLARATION OF POLICY.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO PREVENT INHUMANE METHODS OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AT AN OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT.

(C) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.