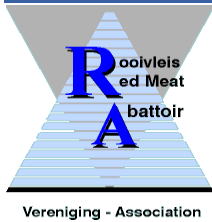


Red Meat Abattoir Association & Abattoir Skills Training



ANIMAL HANDLING Practical Course



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Animal Handling Training – A Legal Requirement

Animal Welfare is a crucial aspect of ensuring a good end product and is considered as an important factor by government. Section 11(1)h of the Meat Safety Act states that:

“an animal presented for slaughter at an abattoir must be handled humanely during loading, transportation, off-loading, housing, immobilising and killing as prescribed in accordance with the requirements of the Animals Protection Act. 1962 (Act No. 71 of 1962)”

The regulations under the Meat Safety Act address animal welfare requirements under Part V which deals with Humane Treatment of Animals and Slaughter Process. The regulations further requires at 66.(1) that animals arriving at an abattoir must be offloaded immediately by **trained** personnel.

Training of lairage personnel is audited in terms of the HAS and the finding influences the final HAS score. Ante Mortem forms the first of the Hygiene Management Programs of the HMS and the procedures contained in this program provides for the humane handling of animals and other procedures which the lairage worker should be aware of.

Meeting the need

The RMAA addresses these requirements by means of very practical Animal Handling Training conducted at the abattoir for 1 day. Competent learners receive an Abattoir Skills Training (AST) certificate.

Trained RMAA officials conduct the training onsite in the lairages and assess the competency level of the worker by the end of the day.



Knowledge and skills transferred by the end of the program includes:

- Effect of incorrect handling techniques on the final product
- Documentation
- Transport and offloading
- Lairaging
- Structures & Equipment
- Humane handling
- Water and feed
- Identifying and sorting animals with abnormalities
- Ante mortem inspection
- Stress
- Emergency slaughter, isolation, last kill
- Cleaning of lairages and equipment
- Effects on Stunning and Bleeding



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