

Establishment Number	Establishment Name	Inspection Date	NR Description
M46017+V46017	ZMDR, LLC DBA Republic Foods	1/7/2022	<p>HATS category IV – Antemortem At approximately 0610 on 01/07/2022 while observing humane handling activities for HATS category IV – Antemortem Inspection I, REDACTED, observed the following noncompliance. I entered the drive alley area where cattle are driven single file to the restrainer. At the bend in the alley, I observed cattle walking forward and backward waiting to be driven forward into the restrainer. The floor grates in the corner were askew, with 2 sections down in the hole and the pointed edges sticking straight up in the air. The cattle moved forward and the first one to pass the hole slid her hoof and lower portion of leg down into the hole, just missing the edges of the metal grates. She lifted herself back out of the hole and moved past the corner. I took a regulatory control action with reject tag #B28752168 and informed the employee running the gate that I needed a supervisor and they would need to fix for the floor before they could bring more cattle into the alley. REDACTED was notified of the noncompliance. Immediate corrective actions included welding the metal floor grates together to form one larger grate that would not shift as easily when stepped on. I released regulatory control at approximately 0646 hours after reviewing corrective actions.</p>

			<p>This is a failure of the requirements under 9 CFR 313.1(a) and the establishment's responsibilities to maintain their pens and alleys in good repair. This NR is associated with previous NR #SDY5811123107N written on 12/07/2021 for the same failure.</p> <p>Previous corrective actions were not sufficient to prevent recurrence. Continued failure may result in regulatory action.</p>
M46017+V46017	ZMDR, LLC DBA Republic Foods	12/7/2021	<p>HATS category IV – Antemortem At approximately 1050 on 12/07/2021 while observing humane handling activities for HATS category IV – Antemortem Inspection I, REDACTED, observed the following noncompliance. I entered the drive alley area where cattle are driven single file to the restrainer. At the bend in the alley, I observed 4 cattle were walking forward and backward waiting to be driven forward into the restrainer. The second cow in line was standing down in what appeared to be a hole in the floor. The 2 cattle were driven forward out of the hole and I observed that the floor grates of the alley way were missing in the corner of the drive alley. The cow had been standing with a leg down in the draining trough of the floor. I took a regulatory control action with reject tag #B28752161 and informed the REDACTED that the remaining 2 cattle standing prior to the hole could not be</p>

			<p>driven into the restrainer until corrective actions were taken. An REDACTED climbed into the alleyway and dug around under the floor in the trough to find pieces of floor grates that he then fit into the gap in the floor. I released regulatory control at approximately 1154am after reviewing corrective actions. This is a failure of the requirements under 9 CFR 313.1(a) and the establishment's responsibilities to maintain their pens and alleys in good repair. I spoke with the REDACTED and informed him of the noncompliance.</p>
M46017+V46017	ZMDR, LLC DBA Republic Foods	10/20/2021	<p>HATS Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness Today at approximately 0643 hours, I, REDACTED, observed the following noncompliance while performing Livestock Humane Handling verification task. There was a black cow down on the trailer and an establishment lead was performing euthanasia with hand-held captive bolt device with REDACTED present to observe. The first knock was applied to the forehead of the animal but it was not effective in rendering the animal unconscious and the animal swung it's head to the left. The cow remained in sternal position and was still fully alert and conscious and tracking the movement of the knock operator. The knock operator immediately reloaded the captive bolt with a charge and applied a second knock to the poll of the animal's head. The</p>

			second knock was effective and rendered the animal immediately unconscious. I notified Plant Owner Mark Meyers of the failure to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1). A review of recent NR's did not reveal any similar cause NR's.
M46017+V46017	ZMDR, LLC DBA Republic Foods	7/19/2021	HATS Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness On July 19, 2021 at approximately 0920, I (REDACTED. REDACTED) observed the following noncompliance: I was informed by the REDACTED that he was ready to euthanize a non-ambulatory disabled cow identified on Antemortem inspection. The employee attempted the first stun utilizing a handheld captive bolt gun. The cow remained alert in sternal position. I observed a normal blink response with normal tracking of movement. The cow tried to move her head away from the employee as he approached to attempt the second stun. The second shot was immediate and effective. The establishment failed to comply with 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1) and REDACTED). The REDACTED was notified of the noncompliance.
M46017+V46017	ZMDR, LLC DBA Republic Foods	5/28/2021	HATS Category IV: Antemortem Inspection On Friday, May 28, 2021 at approximately 0545 hours, the following noncompliance was observed. While performing HATS Category IV: Ante-mortem Inspection task, I, REDACTED, observed a non-ambulatory disabled (NAD) beef cow being held in the approximately 12

		<p>feet by 6 feet tapered, uncovered unloading area leading into the covered alleyway. The cow had no access to water within this makeshift holding area. Establishment cattlemen informed me that they did not know when the cow had been unloaded and were not informed of the NAD cow at any time prior to their arrival at approximately 0500 hours, however, the owner of the NAD cow was documented on their pen board. At approximately 0620 hours, unloading records (Republic Foods Cattle Log) were reviewed, and it was discovered through correlation with the information on the pen board that this animal (along with other animals) was delivered at 2346 hours on May 27, 2021. Therefore, the NAD cow had been held in an uncovered area without access to water for approximately 6 hours and 35 minutes. I ante-mortem condemned the cow for NAD and notified the establishment CFO of the noncompliance. At approximately 0706 hours, the cow was euthanized and denatured in my presence. The establishment's Humane Handling Policy, dated January 01, 2021, states on page 5 in the "Emergency Plan for animals in transit" section that, "immobile or fatigued animals on trailers or that become non-ambulatory during unloading will be euthanized." In addition, on page 7 in the "unloading area" section, it indicates that if unloading occurs after hours,</p>
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M46017+V46017	ZMDR, LLC DBA Republic Foods	5/26/2021	<p>HATS Category VIII - Stunning Effectiveness On Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at approximately 0800 hours while performing Humane Handling Stunning Effectiveness (Category VIII) Tasks, I observed the following</p>

		<p>noncompliance. An establishment employee attempted to knock a non-ambulatory disabled mature bull in the back compartment of a trailer with a handheld captive bolt device. The first attempt failed to render the animal unconscious; I continued to observe voluntary movement, blinking, and rhythmic breathing. A second attempt was made immediately with the handheld captive bolt device to the forehead and the bull was rendered immediately unconscious. A third safety knock was performed, followed by pithing. The euthanasia was conducted on the premises and, therefore, is subject to the 313 regulations. I notified REDACTED of the stunning failure and that a noncompliance record would be written. The establishment's Humane Handling Policy, dated January 01, 2021, states on page 9 in the "Stunning" section that, "knockers will utilize the 12-guage shotgun loaded with slugs for mature cattle and all bulls that appear to be over 1600 lbs." This noncompliance represents a failure to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1) and is also inconsistent with the establishment's Humane Handling Policy. A review of NR history at this establishment revealed no recent noncompliance records with a similar cause.</p>
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M46017+V46017	ZMDR, LLC DBA Republic Foods	5/14/2021	<p>HATS Category IV: Antemortem Inspection On Friday, May 14, 2021 at approximately 0605 hours, the following noncompliance was observed. While performing HATS Category IV: Ante-mortem Inspection task, REDACTED and I, REDACTED, were approached by an establishment employee who stated a steer's leg was stuck between the floor and bottom beam lining the alleyway leading to the knock box. I assessed the extent of the entrapment, noting no obvious injuries and minimal signs of distress. I observed establishment employees free the affected hindlimb, but they were unable to return the steer to an ambulatory state without assistance. At 0615, the establishment knocked the affected steer, achieving immediate insensibility with a single knock. The steer was ante-mortem condemned as non-ambulatory disabled. I informed REDACTED of the noncompliance. The establishment has failed to meet the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.1(a). This is being associated with NR SDY3913031722N/1, dated March 22, 2021, for similar cause of failure to maintain facilities in a manner to prevent entrapment and/or injury. Preventive measures of reinforcing the alleyway with additional steel beams was implemented but ineffective in preventing incidents along the alleyway.</p>
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