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Slaughterhouse Equipment – Large Ruminant Restrainer – Methods of Test



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Foreword

In 2017, the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) initiated the amendment of the Philippine Agricultural Engineering Standard (PAES) on Slaughterhouse Equipment – Stunning Box/Knocking Pen – Methods of Test (PAES 514:2008) upon the endorsement of the PAES Task Force. A Technical Working Group (TWG) was created through Special Order (SO) No. 487, series of 2017 (Creation of the TWG for the development of Philippine National Standard (PNS) for Cattle Restrainer and for the revision of PAES for Slaughterhouse and Lairage), SO No. 322, series of 2019 (Creation of Technical Committee [TC] and TWG for the development of PNS for Agriculture and Fishery Products and Machinery, Tools, and Equipment), and SO No. 280, series of 2021 (Creation of TWG for the Development of PNS for Agriculture and Fishery Products, Machinery, and Equipment). This TWG was composed of representatives from relevant government agencies, academe, and private sector. The revised PAES, which is now a BAFS PNS, aimed to provide guidance to national and local authorities, engineers, technical personnel, traders, manufacturers, processors, and other relevant stakeholders on the restrainer design for the slaughterhouse of large ruminants intended for human consumption. The final draft standard was reviewed and finalized through a series of stakeholder consultations and TWG meetings conducted via online platforms.

This PNS/BAFS includes the following significant changes compared to the previous PAES:

1. Replacement of the term “Stunning Box/Knocking Pen” to “Large Ruminant Restrainer”;
2. Amendment of the scope to specify restrainers installed in slaughterhouse;
3. Limitation of the scope for large ruminants to cover carabao and cattle only;
4. Inclusion of the Code of Good Animal Husbandry Practice for Beef Cattle and Carabao (PNS/BAFS 200:2017), and Republic Act No. 10631 (Animal Welfare Act of 1998) as normative references of the standard;
5. Inclusion of provisions for the General Condition for Test Inspection and the Role of Test Engineers;
6. Deletion of the numerical value for weight of the test material;
7. Alignment of the capacity of the restrainer with the design of the manufacturer;
8. Decrease on the minimum number of trials in testing the restrainer from three (3) to two (2);
9. Alignment of the standard with existing valid format of Test Reports and Data Sheets used by the Agricultural Machinery Testing and Evaluation Center (AMTEC);
10. Decrease on the maximum capacity of required weighing scale from 1000 kg to 700 kg;
11. Deletion of the digital timer and protractor as recommended instruments in Annex A;
12. Inclusion of other notable observations (e.g., presence of safety features/locks, vocalization, etc.) on the restrainer and ruminant during testing in Annex C; and
13. Deletion of Annex D Performance after Test Data Sheet.

This standard cancels and replaces the PAES 514:2008 Slaughterhouse Equipment – Stunning Box/ Knocking Pen – Methods of Test.

This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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1 Scope

This standard specifies the methods of test and inspection for restrainer for large ruminants. Specifically, it shall be used to:

- 1.1 verify the mechanism, dimensions, materials, and accessories of the restrainer, and the list of specifications submitted by the manufacturer;
- 1.2 determine the performance of the equipment;
- 1.3 evaluate the safety features of the equipment; and
- 1.4 report the result of the tests.

2 Normative References

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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43 **3 Terms and Definitions**

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45 For this standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

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47 **3.1**

48 **live weight**

49 weight of ruminant prior to slaughter

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51 **3.2**

52 **overall height**

53 distance between the horizontal supporting plane surface and the horizontal plane
54 touching the uppermost part of the restrainer

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56 **3.3**

57 **overall length**

58 distance between the vertical planes perpendicular to the median plane of the restrainer,
59 each plane touching the front and rear extremities of the restrainer

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61 **3.4**

62 **overall width**

63 distance between the vertical planes parallel to the median plane of the restrainer, each
64 plane touching the outermost point of the machine on its left and right sides

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66 **3.5**

67 **vocalization**

68 ruminant sound such as bellowing in cattle

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70 **3.6**

71 **test applicant**

72 manufacturer, fabricator, inventor, direct importer, legitimate distributor, dealer, or end-
73 user of the machine that officially applied for a test

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75 **4 General Conditions for Test and Inspection**

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77 **4.1 Role of the test applicant**

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79 The test applicant shall submit the specifications and other relevant information for the
80 restrainer. They shall abide with the terms and conditions set forth by the official testing
81 agency, provide test animals, and shoulder other variable cost to carry out the test.

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86 4.2 Role of the representative of the test applicant

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88 An officially designated representative of the test applicant shall be skilled and shall be
89 able to operate, demonstrate, adjust, repair as the case maybe, and decide on matters
90 related to the operation of the restrainer.
91

92 4.3 Role of the test engineer

93
94 The certified test engineer shall lead the conduct of the performance testing in
95 accordance with the provisions of this standard. Furthermore, the test engineer shall
96 oversee other relevant activities prior to and after the conduct of the testing.
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98 4.4 Test site conditions

99
100 The restrainer shall be tested as installed in the slaughterhouse. The site should have
101 ample provisions for animal handling, temporary storage, and workspace conforming to
102 PAES 306:2020 Agricultural Structures – Slaughterhouse for Ruminants.
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104 4.5 Suspension/Termination of test

105
106 If during the test run and the restrainer encounters major breakdown or malfunction that
107 will affect the performance of the machine, the test may be suspended. If the restrainer
108 will not be able to continue operation, the test shall be terminated.
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110 5 Test Preparation**111 5.1 Preparation of the large ruminant restrainer for testing**

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113 The representative of the test applicant and testing agency shall check the restrainer to
114 ensure that it has been assembled and installed in accordance with the instruction of the
115 manufacturer. The official testing agency shall test the restrainer in accordance with the
116 performance requirements in PNS/BAFS XXX:2021 Slaughterhouse Equipment – Large
117 Ruminant Restrainer – Specifications.
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120 5.2 Test instruments

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122 The suggested list of minimum test instruments needed to carry out the restrainer test is
123 shown in Annex A. These instruments shall be calibrated regularly. It shall be physically
124 checked and cleaned for operation before and after each tests. A checklist of instruments
125 and materials to be used before arrival to and departure from the testing area shall be
126 prepared.
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130 5.3 Test Animals

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132 The large ruminant to be used for testing shall be at least two (2) heads, each with a live
133 weight depending on the capacity of the restrainer as specified by the manufacturer.
134 However, if the test animals are not conforming to the recommended quantity and
135 characteristics relevant to the restrainer, the test engineer shall not pursue the test.
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137 6 Pre-test observation

139 6.1 Verification of specifications

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141 The specifications claimed by the manufacturer and the physical details given in Annex
142 B shall be verified by the official testing agency. A stable and level surface shall be used
143 as reference plane for verification of dimensional machine specifications when fully
144 assembled and ready for use. The safety features of the restrainer shall be recorded.
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146 6.2 Condition of the Test Animals

147
148 The parameters listed in Item C.1 of Annex C shall be obtained and recorded before the
149 test operation.
150

151 7 Performance test

153 7.1 Operation of the restrainer

154
155 The restrainer shall be tested by performing actual and proper restraining and stunning
156 of the test animal in accordance with the Republic Act 10631 (Animal Welfare Act of 1998)
157 and the PNS Code of Good Animal Husbandry Practice for Beef Cattle and Carabao
158 (PNS/BAFS 200:2017). The ruminant shall enter the restrainer through the entrance gate.
159 The head of the ruminant shall be secured in the head gate (as applicable) and shall be
160 released after stunning. The testing agency shall make and record all measurements.
161 The stunned ruminant shall be removed from the restrainer through the discharge gate.
162 After each test trial, the area shall be cleaned and prepared for the next test trial. This
163 procedure shall be repeated for the succeeding test trials.
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165 7.2 Test trial

166
167 There shall be at least two (2) test trials. Each test trial should have one (1) ruminant as
168 test animal.
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170 7.3 Data collection

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172 The record sheet for all the data and information during the test is given in Annex C.
173 Observations to be taken during the performance test shall be recorded in this sheet.
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175 **7.3.1 Noise level**
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177 **7.3.1.1** The sound emitted by the machine, with and without load, shall be measured
178 using a sound level meter at the location of the operator or slaughterhouse personnel.
179 The noise level, expressed in decibel [dB (A)], shall be measured 50 mm away from the
180 ear level of the operator/s or slaughterhouse personnel.

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182 **7.3.1.2** The sound emitted by the machine without load shall be measured using a sound
183 level meter at the location of the head gate.

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185 **7.3.1.3** For each data to be taken, there shall be a minimum of five (5) observations.
186 Before recording the data, it should be ensured that the operations and other functional
187 characteristics have been stabilized. The time of recording shall be properly spaced
188 during the whole duration of the test trial.

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190 **7.3.2 Pressure**
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192 If applicable, the operating pressure, with and without load, shall be measured using a
193 pressure gauge.

194 **8 Presentation of results**
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196 The restrainer specifications and the result of the tests shall be presented in tabular form
197 in which data shall be taken from Annexes B, C, and D. The observations made on the
198 restrainer while in operation shall be supported with photographs.

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200 **9 Test Report**
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202 The test report shall include the following information in the order given:
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204 **9.1** Name of Testing Agency;
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206 **9.2** Test Report Number;
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208 **9.3** Title;
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210 **9.4** Summary of Results;
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212 **9.5** Purpose and Scope of Test;
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214 **9.6** Methods of Test;
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216 **9.7** Description of the Machine;
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- 218 **9.8** Specifications;
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220 **9.9** Results;
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222 **9.10** Observations (include pictures); and
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224 **9.11** Name/s, Signature/s and Designation/s of Test engineer/s.
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Annex A
(informative)
Minimum list of test instruments

Table A - Minimum list of test instruments

Items		Quantity
A.1	Weighing scale Capacity: 700 kg	1
A.2	Tape measure (at least 5m)	1
A.3	Steel tape (at least 5m)	1
A.4	Vernier caliper Accuracy: 0.05 mm Capacity: at least 200 mm	1
A.6	Scientific calculator	1
A.7	Sound level meter	1
A.8	Pressure gauge Resolution: 0.1 bar Capacity: 15 bar	1

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Annex B
(informative)

Specifications of large ruminant restrainer

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Name of Test Applicant:

Address:

Tel. No.: _____

Name of Manufacturer:

Address:

Tel. No.: _____

General Information:

Classification: _____ Maximum Weight Capacity: _____

Serial No.: _____ Brand/Model: _____

Manufacture year: _____ Test Engineer: _____

Testing agency: _____ Animal Welfare Inspector: _____

Location of Test: _____ Date of Test: _____

Items*	Manufacturer's specifications	Verification by the testing agency
B.1 Type		
B.2. Main frame		
B.2.1 Overall dimensions, mm		
B.2.1.1 Length		
B.2.1.2 Width		
B.2.1.3 Height		
B.2.2 Material		
B.3 Entrance gate		
B.3.1 Dimensions, mm		
B.3.1.1 Height		
B.3.1.2 Width		
B.3.2 Material		
B.3.3 Mode of attachment		
B.3.4 Features		
B.4 Counterweight		
B.4.1 Mass, kg		
B.4.2 Material		

Items*	Manufacturer's specifications	Verification by the testing agency
B.5 Head gate		
B.5.1 Dimensions, mm		
B.5.1.1 Height		
B.5.1.2 Width		
B.5.2 Mode of attachment		
B.5.3 Material of main assembly		
B.5.4 Material of chin lift		
B.5.5 Features		
B.6 Discharge gate		
B.6.1 Dimensions, mm		
B.6.1.1 Length		
B.6.1.2 Height		
B.6.2 Material		
B.6.3 Mode of attachment		
B.6.4 Features		
B.7 Side wall		
B.7.1 Dimensions, mm		
B.7.1.1 Height		
B.7.1.2 Width		
B.7.2 Material		
B.8 Flooring		
B.8.1 Dimensions, mm		
B.8.1.1 Length		
B.8.1.2 Width		
B.8.2 Gap spacing, mm		
B.8.3 Material		
B.9 Rump pusher		
B.9.1 Type/Shape		
B.9.2 Dimensions, mm		
B.9.2.1 Length		
B.9.2.2 Width		
B.9.3 Material		
B.10 Discharge landing platform		
B.10.1 Length, m		
B.10.2 Width, m		
B.10.3 Gap spacing, mm		
B.10.4 Material		
B.11 Cylinder/s		
B.11.1 Type (pneumatic/hydraulic)		
B.11.2 Bore, mm		

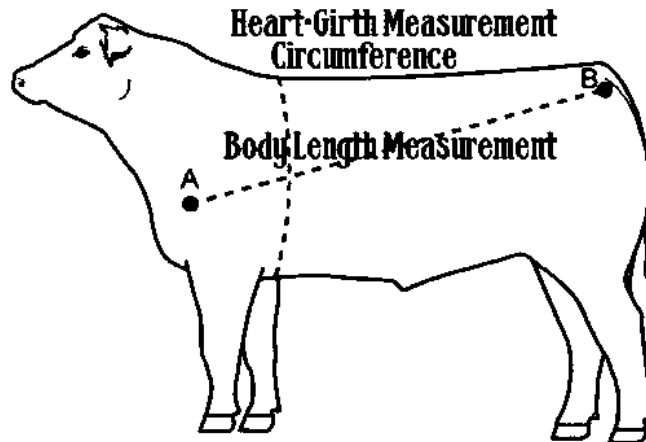
Items*	Manufacturer's specifications	Verification by the testing agency
B.11.3 Stroke, mm		
B.11.4 Operating pressure, Pa		
B.11.5 Features		
B.12 Pressure gauge		
B.12.1 Type		
B.12.2 Location		
B.13 Cable/Chain		
B.13.1 Material		
B.13.2 Size		

Annex C
(informative)
Performance Test Data Sheet

Test Trial No. : _____ Date : _____
 Test Engineers : _____ Location : _____
 Assistants : _____ Machine : _____
 Test Applicant : _____ Manufacturer: _____

Items	Trial		Average
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C.1 Conditions of animal			
C.1.1 Animal			
C.1.2 Breed			
C.1.3 Girth, mm (refer to C.3)			
C.1.4 Weight, kg			
C.1.5 Length, mm (refer to C.3)			
C.2 Performance test			
C.2.1 Noise level, [dB(A)]			
C.2.1.1 Operator’s ear level			
C.2.1.1.1 Without load			
C.2.1.1.2 With load			
C.2.1.2 Location of head gate, without load			
C.2.2 Capacity, kg			
C.2.3 Operating pressure (if available), Pa			
C.2.3.1 Without load			
C.2.3.2 With load			

C.3 Ruminant Body Measurement



C.4 Other Observations

C.4.1 Presence of safety features/locks

C.4.2 Accessibility of grease points

C.4.3 Sturdiness of the main frame

C.4.4 Sturdiness of the discharge gate

C.4.5 Sturdiness of the slider

C.4.6 Sturdiness of the head gate

C.4.7 Sturdiness of the rump pusher

C.4.8 Welded and/or bolted parts/joints before and after the test operation

C.4.9 Failure or abnormalities that may be observed on the restrainer or its component parts during and after the test operation

C.4.10 Number of operators

C.4.11 Vocalizations

C.4.12 Ruminant's body movements

C.4.13 Others

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