



Inspection Report

Aaron E Beiler
76 S Maple Ave
Leola, PA 17540

Customer ID: **35905**
Certificate: **23-B-0212**
Site: 001
AARON BEILER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 26-SEP-2014

3.36(a) REPEAT

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE GUINEA PIGS AND HAMSTERS.

Many of the wire mesh and wooden travel enclosures in which a shipment of guinea pigs were transported were in disrepair and damaged. There were sharp broken wires protruding into the enclosures. The sharp wires protruding may cause injury to the guinea pigs. On some of the travel enclosures the wire had been separated from the wooden supports and there were openings through which guinea pigs may escape. An employee at the receiving facility stated that there were several guinea pigs loose in the transport trailer when it arrived at the facility. The animal caretaker that unloaded the trailer also stated that when he was unloading the shipment and picked up a crate the bottom fell out and all of the guinea pigs within fell out too. Traveling in structurally unsafe enclosures can be hazardous to the health and welfare of the guinea pigs. The structural strength of the enclosures must be sufficient to contain the guinea pigs safely and withstand the normal rigors of travel. There must be no sharp protrusions into the enclosures.

3.36(e)

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The wood and wire mesh travel enclosures in which guinea pigs were transported measure 24 inches long by 15 inches wide which provides a total floor area of 360 square inches. The animal caretaker that unloaded the transport trailer at the destination facility declared that there were 15 guinea pigs in each travel enclosure. Based on the sampled weights of the guinea pigs that were transported in these enclosures (3 out of 8 weighed over 350 grams each) which was measured by the General Manager and this Inspector, the enclosures should not have held more than 8 guinea pigs in each. Each guinea pig should have had a minimum floor space of 45 square inches. Overcrowding in the travel enclosures may cause stress, discomfort, fighting and injuries to the guinea pigs. The space requirements in this section must be adhered to for the health and well-being of the guinea pigs. Correct on all future shipments.

This inspection was conducted at a destination facility in Jay, Florida. Exit interview conducted with the licensee by phone 07 October 2014.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
35905	23-B-0212	001	AARON BEILER	26-SEP-14

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
001549	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
001549	Total	