

Table: MOIs in Response to FOIA2020-260

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M248B+P2 15	Butterfield Foods Company	GXN47160 25621G	21FEB2020	04C05	Poultry Good Commercial Practices	Finalized	<p>Est. P215, Butterfield Foods Co., February 21, 2020, 0915 hours. In attendance: Dr. Melissa Hlavacek, SPHV; (b)(6)</p> <p>(b)(6) At approximately 0800 hours on February 20, I was informed by (b)(6) (b)(6), that the first trailer from Lot 2 was in the unloading room and ready for antemortem inspection. Upon arrival to the unloading room, I observed many hens frozen to the metal cages in the trailer. I also observed significant numbers of dead hens. Nearly every hen visible from the outside of the trailer on the bottom two rows was frozen solid, as were many hens throughout the trailer on the outside layers. The hens throughout the trailer were quiet and still. Some birds were observed shivering. The hens had almost no feathers. I observed similar conditions on the second trailer. Following my observations, I spoke with (b)(6), who informed me that the birds had traveled from Ohio to Minnesota. (b)(6) said all three trailers in Lot 2 were in the shed when he arrived in the morning but were not present the night before. The shed is three-sided and is not temperature-controlled. The panels were on all trailers during transport and during the wait period. Upon further discussions with (b)(6) (b)(6), he informed me that the three trailers arrived at approximately midnight, 0200 hours, and 0400 hours. The air temperatures in Ohio were around 30-40°F. The hens were slaughtered between approximately 0900 and 1200 hours. During the period between arrival and slaughter, according to the National Weather Service, the outside temperature at the St. James Municipal Airport (17 miles from Butterfield Foods) was between -8 and -17°F with a wind chill between -21 and -32°F. Upon review of the establishment's records on February 21, Lot 2 had 9,150 DOAs of 25,867 total hens (35% DOAs). I spoke with (b)(6)</p>

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							<p>(b)(6) at 0915 hours on February 21. He informed me that Lot 3 today was coming from the same supplier. They closed the front vents on the trailers, which are usually left open. If there are not improvements from closing the front vents, the establishment may discontinue accepting birds from the producer. After this discussion, I informed (b)(6) that our conversation would be documented in a GCP MOI. The PPIA and Agency regulations require that live poultry be handled in a manner that is consistent with good commercial practices and that they not die from causes other than slaughter.</p>