

**Table: Noncompliance Records(NRs) for 04C02 from Jul-Sep 2017**

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P17340	Pilgrim's	UQB58 150753 26N	07/25/2017	04C05	381.65(b)	<p>On 07/25/2017 at approximately 1255 hours while performing a good commercial practices verification task IPP (SPHV (b) (6) and CSI (b) (6) ) observed that the establishment lost control of its process for handling birds resulting in their dying from a means otherwise than slaughter, and hence failed to slaughter poultry in accordance with good commercial practices. Specifically, while performing verification activities, Inspector (b) (6) and I observed that the truck cooling shed bays (8) were at full capacity and that three trucks (two full and one partially filled) had been parked (immediately adjacent to one another) on the asphalt parking lot with no protection from the sun and without any source of ventilation or other means of cooling (water misters used in conjunction with fans for evaporative cooling). Upon further inspection, we observed another full trailer of birds (with no source of cooling/ventilation/misters) which had been parked on the interior line-up of empty trailers located on the asphalt trailer parking lot, and noted that 80-90 percent of the birds contained in that trailer were panting heavily. Upon closer inspection of the birds contained within the interior trailer, we observed that 80-90 percent of birds were showing significant heat stress, as evidenced by heavy panting, secondary to the high environmental temperature and humidity, and negligible ventilation. The aforementioned environmental conditions could best be described as stifling. Upon inspection of the birds in the trailer that were most exposed to direct sun, we observed a significant increase in heat related morbidity and mortality, as evidenced by gasping and heavy panting in greater than 90% of all birds on the trailer. We observed many birds that were staggering around and aimlessly jumping about in the in the cages while others were violently flapping their wings and gasping for air via an outstretched neck, in a final futile attempt to cool them themselves (evaporative cooling from the surface of the lungs). We also observed that numerous birds had had already succumbed to heat stress, and that others were somnolent or moribund. At the time the aforementioned observations were made the environmental temperature was in excess of 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Upon entering the hanging area (new side), I observed that the floor immediately behind the live hangers was littered (large accumulation of carcasses) with the carcasses of dead birds and that the live hangers were throwing dead birds off the hanging belt and onto</p>

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						<p>the floor. Upon further inspection, I observed that the back side of the hanging conveyor belt was similarly littered with the carcasses of dead birds. I also noted that the dead bin adjacent to the cage dump area was full. Inspector (b) (6) and I also noted that trailers loaded with empty cages (previously dumped) were present in the truck unloading areas despite there being trailers containing birds exhibiting heat stress parked on the asphalt parking lot with no protection from the sun. Upon entering the evisceration floor, I observed an increased amount of DOA birds which had been retained by on-line IPP for veterinary disposition, which I subsequently condemned post inspection. (b) (6) [REDACTED], was immediately notified (verbally) of the aforementioned noncompliance. She was advised that the establishment had failed to appropriately schedule the delivery of poultry to the establishment in such a manner so as to accommodate the volume of incoming trucks with their facilities' capability, and that the birds had endured needless suffering as a result of a lack of shelter/protection from the sun and lack of ventilation or other means of cooling. She was also advised that FSIS personnel had notified her regarding the above noted conditions when we observed that the establishment had failed to implement any readily apparent corrective actions in response to the aforementioned conditions. (b) (6) [REDACTED], was also notified of the noncompliance. Based upon my observations of the birds' condition and the establishment's failure to implement any readily apparent corrective actions (prior to FSIS notification regarding the aforementioned), I can say that a large number of birds died by a means other than by slaughter on the regulated premises as a result of the demonstrable loss of process control.</p>