

Glossary:

Sanitation is the hygienic way of promoting health through prevention of human contact with the hazards of wastes. Sewage or waste water should be treated and disposed properly.

Restraint devices: It is very important that slaughter animals should be properly restrained before stunning or bleeding. This is to ensure stability of the animal so that the stunning operation can be carried out accurately and properly. Different types of restraints are appropriate for different species:

Stunning: It is desirable to render an animal unconscious before it is slaughtered in order to eliminate pain, discomfort and stress from the procedure. Most developed and many developing countries have legislation that requires pre-slaughter stunning, with the exception of authorised ritual slaughter like kosher or halal

Electrical stunning: Stunning by electricity is used widely on small animals especially pigs. The simplest mechanism consists of electrodes or probes built in the form of tongs with insulated handles and applied between the ear and eye of the animal for 1–4 secs.

Skinning: In removing the skin of sheep and goats initial cutting of the skin is done around the leg to expose and loosen the tendon of the hock for use as a means of hanging the carcass. This process is called legging.