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# Livestock Handling Pen And Gate Safety Compliance Checklist

**Operational Scope:** This checklist establishes mandatory operational standards for inspecting agricultural livestock handling pens and containment gates to mitigate animal strike hazards, structural failures, and operator entrapment risks. Full compliance is required prior to animal loading and processing activities.

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| **MANDATORY PPE:** | Steel-Toe Boots (ASTM F2413 compliant), Hard Hat (ANSI Z89.1), High-Visibility Vest, Safety Glasses with Side Shields, Cut-Resistant Leather Gloves |
| **PREREQUISITES:** | Verify no aggressive livestock are loose within the immediate sorting and handling alleyways. \| Confirm secondary escape routes and man-gates are unlocked and completely unobstructed. \| Ensure all inspection personnel carry an operational sorting board and communication device. |

## STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY & STRUCTURAL PANELS

| # | COMPONENT / ITEM | VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD | SEVERITY | STATUS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Pen Wall Panels & Tubing** | All steel pipes and wooden planks are free from severe rust, splitting, sharp protrusions, or structural bending exceeding 5 degrees. | **Critical (Immediate Out of Service)** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |
| 2 | **Post Anchoring & Foundation** | Vertical support posts are firmly embedded in concrete or driven deep into packed soil without lateral play or concrete fracturing at the base. | **Critical (Immediate Out of Service)** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |
| 3 | **Solder & Weld Integrity** | All factory and field welds joining pen panels to posts show no visible cracking, fatigue, or stress separation. | **Warning** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |

## GATE LATCHES, HINGES, AND OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE

| # | COMPONENT / ITEM | VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD | SEVERITY | STATUS |
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| 4 | **Gate Latches & Spring-Loaded Pins** | Latches engage automatically, lock securely under pressure, and cannot be accidentally bumped open by crowding livestock. | **Critical (Immediate Out of Service)** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |
| 5 | **Hinge Pins & Pivot Points** | Hinges are well-lubricated, free of excessive wear, and secure against upward lifting by livestock attempting to force the gate. | **Warning** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |
| 6 | **Swing Clearance & Ground Drag** | Gates swing freely through their full intended arc without dragging on accumulated manure, ice, or uneven ground surface gravel. | **Standard** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |
| 7 | **Anti-Entrapment Gaps** | Spacing between gate frames and adjacent posts remains under 4 inches or exceeds 18 inches to prevent operator or animal limb entrapment. | **Critical (Immediate Out of Service)** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |

## OPERATOR ESCAPE ROUTES & SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE

| # | COMPONENT / ITEM | VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD | SEVERITY | STATUS |
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| 8 | **Personnel Escape Slits & Man-Gates** | Pass-through openings and spring-loaded man-gates are functional, unobstructed, and sized appropriately for rapid operator evacuation. | **Critical (Immediate Out of Service)** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |
| 9 | **Hydraulic & Manual Alleyway Stops** | Back-stop flaps and squeeze chute locking mechanisms engage smoothly and hold position reliably without unexpected slippage. | **Warning** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |
| 10 | **Lighting & Visibility Hazards** | Overhead and perimeter work lighting provides a minimum of 30 foot-candles across all sorting pens, alleyways, and gate zones. | **Standard** | [ ] PASS<br>[ ] FAIL<br>[ ] N/A |

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