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Tractor Pto Shaft Guard Safety Inspection Safety Audit Checklist

Operational Scope: This audit checklist defines mandatory inspection protocols for agricultural tractor power takeoff (PTO) shielding systems. The objective is to eliminate entanglement hazards, ensure regulatory compliance, and prevent severe machinery-related injuries during active farm operations.

MANDATORY PPE:	Hard Hat (ANSI Z89.1), Steel-Toe Boots (ASTM F2413), High-Visibility Safety Vest (ANSI/ISEA 107), Safety Glasses with Side Shields (ANSI Z87.1), Snug-fitting Work Gloves (no loose cuffs)
PREREQUISITES:	Verify tractor engine is completely shut off and the ignition key is removed. | Engage mechanical lockout/tagout (LOTO) protocols for the tractor PTO clutch. | Ensure machinery is stationary on level ground with the parking brake fully engaged.

MASTER SHIELD AND TUNNEL GUARD INTEGRITY

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Tractor Master Shield (Stub Guard)**	Master shield is securely mounted over the tractor PTO stub shaft, covers the top and sides, and shows no cracks, bending, or structural fatigue.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
2	**Mounting Brackets and Fasteners**	All bolts, pins, and mounting brackets securing the master shield are present, properly torqued, and free of excessive rust or thread stripping.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
3	**Shield Clearance and Alignment**	Master shield maintains correct clearance around the rotating universal joint and does not bind or contact moving driveline components.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

DRIVELINE SHIELDING AND BEARINGS INSPECTION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Rotating Shield Tube Assembly**	Plastic or metal telescopic shield tube completely encloses the rotating shaft from tractor to implement without exposed pinch points.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
5	**Shield Bearings and Lubrication**	Shield bearings rotate freely by hand around the inner drive shaft without excessive drag, binding, squealing, or physical seizure.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
6	**Restraining Tethers and Chains**	Anti-rotation chains or straps are securely attached to non-rotating tractor and implement anchor points to prevent the shield from spinning.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
7	**Cone and Bell Guards**	Cone-shaped shields at both universal joint ends are intact, undamaged, and overlap the main guard tube adequately.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

OPERATIONAL CONTROLS AND WARNING SIGNAGE

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**PTO Safety Decals and Warning Labels**	Danger/Warning decals regarding entanglement hazards and rotating shafts are fully legible, clean, and permanently affixed near the PTO area.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
9	**PTO Engagement Control Lever**	Cab-mounted PTO control lever engages and disengages smoothly, returning reliably to the neutral/off position when released.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

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