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Introduction

In the preparation of this East African Standard, the following sources were consulted extensively:

IS 11533:1985(R2005), *Specification for Sheep Dressing Hooks*

Codex Alimentarius website: http://www.codexalimentarius.net/mrls/pestdes/jsp/pest_q-e.jsp

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service website: <http://www.mrlatabase.com>

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/Standards>

USDA Plant Inspectorate Service website: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants

European Union: http://ec.europa.eu/sanco_pesticides/public

Assistance derived from these sources is hereby acknowledged.

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1 Scope

This East African Standard specifies the material, dimensions and other requirements for sheep dressing hooks for use in semi-automatic abattoirs.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CAC/RCP 1, *Recommended international code of practice — General principles of food hygiene*

CD-K-670:2010, *Bovine (beef) meat — Carcasses and cuts*

CD-K-671:2010, *Caprine (goat) meat — Carcasses and cuts*

CD-K-672:2010, *Ovine (sheep) meat — Carcasses and cuts*

CD-K-673:2010, *Porcine (pig) meat — Carcasses and cuts*

CD-K-675:2010, *Edible meat co-products*

CD-K-697:2010, *Code of hygienic practice for meat*

CD/K/700:2010, *Ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of meat animals — Code of practice*

EAS 11, *Galvanized plain and corrugated iron sheets — Specification*

ISO 630-1, *Structural steels — Part 1: Plates, wide flats, bars, sections and profiles*

ISO 2937, *Plain end seamless steel tubes for mechanical application*

ISO 11972, *Corrosion-resistant cast steels for general applications*

ISO 11973, *Heat-resistant cast steels and alloys for general applications*

ISO 16143-1, *Stainless steels for general purposes — Part 1: Flat products*

ISO 16143-2, *Stainless steels for general purposes — Part 2: Semi-finished products, bars, rods and sections*

3 Description

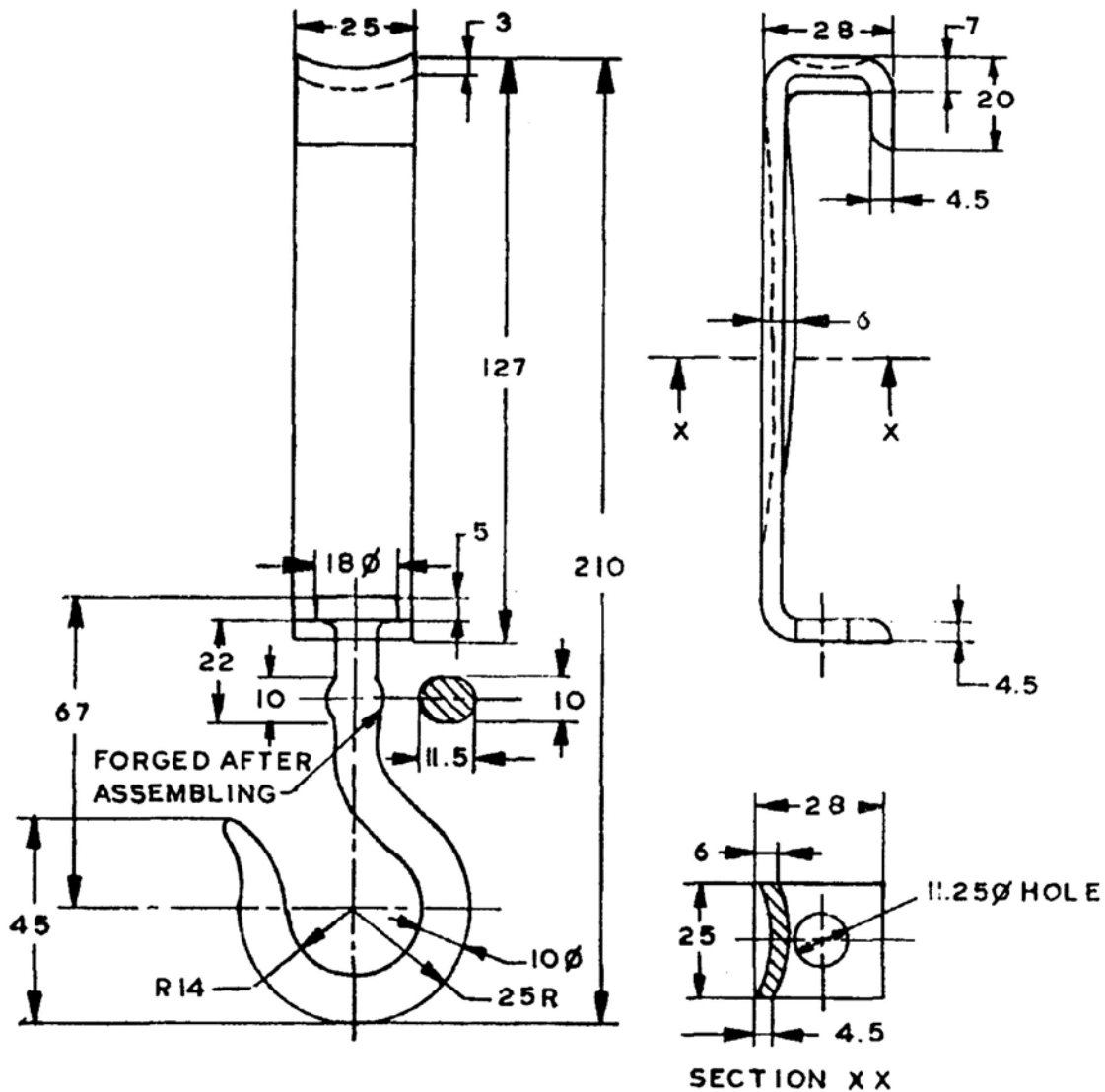
The sheep dressing hook shall consist of the hook rod attached to a flat section with swivelling arrangement to suit the sliding rails.

4 Material

The flat section and the hook rod shall be made from mild steel (see ISO 630) or stainless steel (see ISO 16143).

5 Shape and dimensions

5.1 The shape and dimensions of the sheep dressing hooks shall be as given in Figure 1.



All dimensions in millimeters
Figure 1 — Sheep dressing hook

5.1.1 The tolerance for various dimensions shall be ± 5 percent.

6 Constructional requirements

6.1 The mass of a sheep dressing hook shall be 300 grams ± 5 percent.

6.1.1 Hooks shall be of uniform mass and the mass of each hook shall not vary by more than 5 percent of the nominal mass.

6.2 The hook shall not bend when a load of 100 kg ± 5 percent is applied.

6.3 The flat section shall be selected taking into consideration the dimensions of the overhead rail system. The flat section shall make minimum contact on the rail to ensure easy mobility.

7 Workmanship and finish

The hook shall be free from flaws, burrs, pits and sharp edges.

8 Marking

8.1 Each sheep dressing hook shall be marked with the following information at a convenient place.

- a) Manufacturer's name or trade-mark, if any;
- b) Year of manufacture;
- c) Batch or code number; and
- d) Nominal mass of the hook.

8.2 **Certification marking** — The product may be marked with a standardization mark.

9 Packing

The sheep dressing hooks shall be packed in wooden boxes or as agreed to between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

10 Sampling

The method of drawing representative samples of sheep dressing hooks and the criteria for conformity shall be as given in Annex A.

Annex A (normative)

Sampling of sheep dressing hooks

A.1 Scale of sampling

A.1.1 Lot — In any consignment of the sheep dressing hooks of the same type, shape, size and belonging to the same batch of manufacture shall be grouped together to constitute a lot.

A.1.2 For ascertaining the conformity of the material to the requirements of this specification, samples shall be tested from each lot separately.

A.1.3 The number of sheep dressing hooks to be selected from a lot shall depend on the size of the lot and shall be according to col 1 and 2 of Table 1.

Table 1 — Scale of sampling and permissible number of defectives

Number of sheep dressing hooks in a lot	For visual and dimensional tests		Number of hooks in the sub-sample for bend test
	Sample size	Permissible number of defectives	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Up to 100	5	0	2
101 to 300	13	1	2
301 to 500	32	3	3
501 to 1000	50	5	5
1001 and above	80	7	8

A.1.3.1 These sheep dressing hooks shall be selected at random from the lot.

A.2 Number of tests and criteria for conformity

A.2.1 All the sheep dressing hooks selected according to A.1.3 shall be examined for all the visual and dimensional requirements (see 5.1, 6.1, 6.3 and Clause 7) A hook failing to satisfy any one or more of these requirements shall be considered as defective. The lot shall be considered as conforming to these requirements if the number of defectives found in the sample is less than or equal to the corresponding number of permissible number of defectives given in col 3 of Table 1.

A.2.2 The lot having been found satisfactory according to A.2.1 shall be further subjected to bend test given in 6.2. For this purpose, a sub-sample of size given in col 4 of Table 1 shall be taken from the lot. These hooks may be selected from those already examined according to A.2.1 and found satisfactory. The lot shall be declared as conforming to the requirements of this specification if none of the hooks subjected to the bend test fails to satisfy the requirements of this test.

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