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**Sheep spreaders — Specification**

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## Introduction

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

IS 12189:1987(R2000), *Specification for Sheep Spreaders*

Codex Alimentarius website: [http://www.codexalimentarius.net/mrls/pestdes/jsp/pest\\_q-e.jsp](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](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants)

European Union: [http://ec.europa.eu/sanco\\_pesticides/public](http://ec.europa.eu/sanco_pesticides/public)

Assistance derived from these sources is hereby acknowledged.

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## Sheep spreaders — Specification

### 1 Scope

This East African Standard specifies material, dimensions and other requirements for sheep spreaders.

### 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 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

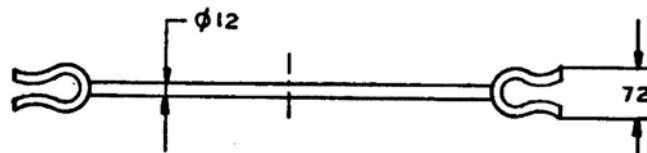
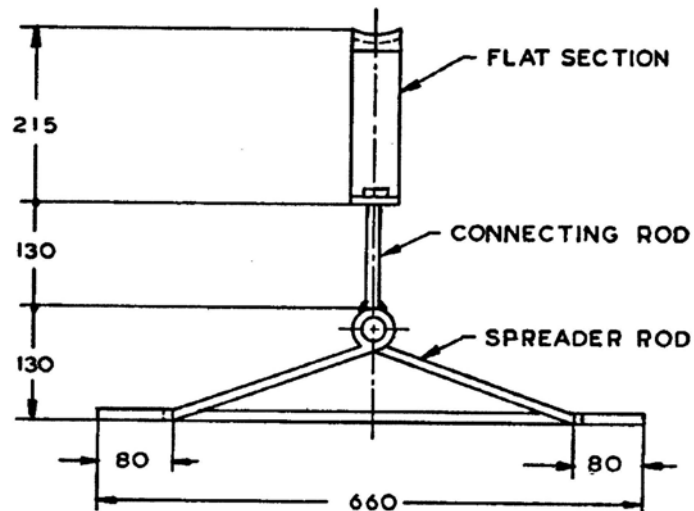
Sheep spreader shall consist of a spreader rod with a connecting rod at the centre attached to a flat section with swivelling arrangement to suit the sliding rails.

### 4 Material

The flat section and the connecting rod shall be made from cast steel (ISO 11972) and the spreader rod shall be made from mild steel (ISO 630), or stainless steel (see ISO 16143).

### 5 Shape and dimensions

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



All dimensions in millimetres

Figure 1 — Specification for sheep spreader

5.1.1 The tolerance for various dimensions shall be  $\pm 5$  percent.

## 6 Constructional requirements

6.1 The spreader rod shall be smoothly welded with the connecting rod and the shape at the end shall be as given in Figure 1.

6.2 The spreader rod shall not deform when loaded with a mass of 100 kg.

6.3 The ends of the spreader rod shall be smoothly rounded.

6.4 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

7.1 The spreader rod shall hang horizontally.

7.2 The sheep spreaders shall be free from flaws, burrs, splinters, pits and sharp edges. The mild steel spreader rod shall be hot dip galvanized for protection from rust and corrosion.

## 8 Marking

8.1 Each sheep spreader shall be marked with the following information at a convenient place:

- Manufacturer's name or trade-mark, if any;
- Year of manufacture; and

c) Batch or code number.

**8.2 Standard marking** — The product may be marked with a certification mark.

## **9 Packing**

The sheep spreaders shall be packed for safe handling in transit as agreed to between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

## **10 Sampling**

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

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**Annex A**  
(normative)

**Sampling of sheep spreaders**

**A.1 Scale of sampling**

**A.1.1 Lot** — In any consignment of the sheep spreaders 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 spreaders 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 spreaders in a lot	For visual and dimensional tests		Number of spreaders 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 spreaders shall be selected at random from the lot.

**A.2 Number of tests and criteria for conformity**

**A.2.1** All the sheep spreaders selected according to A.1.3 shall be examined for all the visual and dimensional requirements (see 5.1, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4 and Clause 7). A spreader 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.

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