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Foreword²

The purpose of this Standard is to establish minimum public health and sanitation requirements for hand held tools used in meat and poultry processing.

This Standard was developed by the NSF Joint Committee on Food Processing Equipment using the consensus process described by the American National Standards Institute.

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1 General

1.1 Purpose

This NSF/3-A/ANSI Standard establishes minimum food protection and sanitation requirements for the materials, design, fabrication, and construction of meat and poultry processing equipment. This Standard does not contain operator safety requirements.

1.2 Scope

This NSF/3-A/ANSI Standard applies to hand held tools intended for use in the slaughter, processing, and packaging of meat and poultry products.

1.3 Measurement

Decimal and Metric (SI) conversions provided parenthetically shall be considered equivalent. Metric conversions have been made according to IEEE/ASTM SI 10.

2 Normative references

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3-A Accepted Practice, No. 604-04 1994, *Supplying air under pressure in contact with milk, milk products, and product contact surfaces*³

ANSI/ASME B46.1 - 1995, *Surface texture (surface roughness, waviness, and lay)*⁴

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, (21 CFR) Parts 170-199, *Food and Drugs*⁵

IEEE/ASTM SI 10-1997, *Standard for the Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System*⁶

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