

1540.0010 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Applicability.** For the purposes of parts 1540.0010 to 1540.4520 the following words, phrases, names, and terms shall be construed, respectively, to have the meanings in subparts 2 to 28.

Subp. 2. **Animal.** "Animal" means cattle, sheep, swine, cervidae, bison, or goat.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 27 SR 168]

Subp. 4. **Carcass.** "Carcass" means all parts, including viscera, of a slaughtered animal that are capable of being used for human food.

Subp. 5. **Commercial slaughterhouse.** "Commercial slaughterhouse" means an establishment wherein animals are slaughtered and dressed and meat derived from such slaughter is sold or intended for sale as human food.

Subp. 6. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture or the commissioner's authorized agent.

Subp. 7. **Custom slaughterhouse.** "Custom slaughterhouse" means an establishment wherein animals are slaughtered and dressed and all meat derived from such slaughter is returned to the owner or owners of the animal.

Subp. 8. **Department.** "Department" means the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Subp. 9. **Department employees.** "Department employees" means inspectors and all other individuals employed in or by the department who are authorized by the commissioner to do any work or perform any duty in connection with meat inspection.

Subp. 10. **Division.** "Division" means the Meat Industry Division of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Subp. 11. **Immediate container or true container.** "Immediate container or true container" means the unit, can, pot, tin, canvas, or other receptacle or covering in which any meat or product is customarily shipped.

Subp. 12. [Repealed, L 1995 c 233 art 3 s 1; L 1995 c 248 art 3 s 1]

Subp. 13. **Inspection legend.** "Inspection legend" means a mark or a statement, authorized by these parts, on a product or on the container of a product, indicating that the product has been inspected and passed for food by an inspector.

Subp. 14. **Inspector.** "Inspector" means an inspector of the department.

Subp. 15. **Meat.** "Meat" means the edible part of the muscle of cattle, sheep, swine, cervidae, bison, or goats which is skeletal or which is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart, or in the esophagus, with or without the accompanying and overlying fat, and

the portions of bone, skin, sinew, nerve, and blood vessels which normally accompany the muscle tissue and which are not separated from it in the process of dressing. It does not include the muscle found in the lips, snout, or ears.

Subp. 16. **Meat by-product.** "Meat by-product" means any edible part other than meat which has been derived from one or more cattle, sheep, swine, or goats.

Subp. 17. **Meat food product.** "Meat food product" means any article of food, or any article intended for or capable of being used as human food which is derived or prepared, in whole or in substantial and definite part, from any portion of any cattle, sheep, swine, or goat, except such articles as organotherapeutic substances, meat juice, meat extract, and the like, which are only for medicinal purposes and are advertised only to the medical profession.

Subp. 18. [Repealed, L 1995 c 233 art 3 s 1; L 1995 c 248 art 3 s 1]

Subp. 19. **Minnesota inspected and condemned, or any authorized abbreviation thereof.** "Minnesota inspected and condemned" or any authorized abbreviation thereof means that the carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, meat products, or meat food products so marked are unsound, unhealthful, unwholesome, or otherwise unfit for human food.

Subp. 20. **Minnesota Meat Inspection Act.** "Minnesota Meat Inspection Act" means Minnesota Statutes 1969, chapter 31A-1.

Subp. 21. [Repealed, L 1995 c 233 art 3 s 1; L 1995 c 248 art 3 s 1]

Subp. 22. [Repealed, L 1995 c 233 art 3 s 1; L 1995 c 248 art 3 s 1]

Subp. 23. **Minnesota retained.** "Minnesota retained" means the carcass, viscera, part of carcass, meat, meat by-products, meat food product, or other article so marked or identified is held for further examination by an inspector to determine its disposal.

Subp. 24. [Repealed, L 1995 c 233 art 3 s 1; L 1995 c 248 art 3 s 1]

Subp. 25. **Official establishment.** "Official establishment" means any premises of a commercial slaughterhouse, retail meat market, wholesale processing establishment or sausage plant and similar place which has been designated as an official establishment by the commissioner wherein inspection and identification of animals slaughtered and of meat processed is maintained under these parts.

Subp. 26. [Repealed, L 2012 c 244 art 2 s 36]

Subp. 27. **Product.** "Product" means any part or all of meat, meat by-product, and meat food product.

Subp. 28. **Shipping container or outside container.** "Shipping container or outside container" means the box, bag, barrel, crate, or other receptacle or covering enclosing any product packed in one or more immediate or true containers.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31A.08*

History: *17 SR 1279; L 1995 c 233 art 3 s 1; L 1995 c 248 art 3 s 1; 27 SR 168; L 2012 c 244 art 2 s 36*

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