

CHAPTER 31A

MINNESOTA MEAT INSPECTION

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31A.02 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 5. **Custom processing.** "Custom processing" means the slaughtering, eviscerating, dressing, or processing of an animal or the processing of meat products for the owner of the animal or of the meat products when all meat products derived from custom slaughter are returned to the owner of the animal or of the meat products. No person shall sell, offer for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell any meat derived from custom processing.

[For text of subs 6 to 23, see M.S.1982]

History: 1983 c 300 s 17

31A.10 PROHIBITIONS.

No persons may, with respect to any animal or any carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat food products of any animals:

(a) slaughter any animals or prepare any articles which are capable of use as human food, at any establishment preparing articles solely for intrastate commerce, except in compliance with the requirements of sections 31A.01 to 31A.31;

(b) sell, transport, offer for sale or transportation, or receive for transportation, in intrastate commerce (1) any articles which are capable of use as human food, and are adulterated or misbranded at the time of sale, transportation, offer for sale or transportation, or receipt for transportation; or (2) any articles required to be inspected under sections 31A.01 to 31A.16 unless they have been so inspected and passed;

(c) do, with respect to any articles which are capable of use as human food, any act while they are being transported in intrastate commerce or held for sale after transportation, which is intended to cause or has the effect of causing articles to be adulterated or misbranded; or

(d) sell, offer for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell, any meat derived from custom processing.

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31A.15 EXEMPTIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Inspection.** The provisions of sections 31A.01 to 31A.16 requiring inspection of the slaughter of animals and the preparation of the carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, and meat food products at establishments conducting slaughter and preparation do not apply:

(1) to the processing by any person of his own animals and the preparation by him and transportation in intrastate commerce of the carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, and meat food products of his own animals exclusively for use by him and members of his household and his nonpaying guests and employees; or

(2) to the custom processing by any person of cattle, sheep, swine, or goats delivered by the owner for processing, and the preparation or transportation in intrastate commerce of the carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, and meat food products of animals, exclusively for use in the household of the owner by him and members of his household and his nonpaying guests and employees; provided, that all meat derived from custom processing of cattle, sheep, swine, or goats shall be identified and handled as required by the commissioner, during all phases of processing, chilling, cooling, freezing, preparation, storage, and transportation; and provided further, that the custom processor does not engage in the business of buying or selling any carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat food products of any animals capable of use as human food unless the carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat food products have been inspected and passed and are identified as having been inspected and passed by the Minnesota department of agriculture or the United States department of agriculture.

Subd. 2. **Sanitary conditions.** The processing of animals and preparation of articles referred to in subdivision 1, clause (2) shall be conducted in accordance with the sanitary conditions that the commissioner may by rule prescribe. Violation of a rule is prohibited.

Subd. 3. **Adulteration and misbranding.** The adulteration and misbranding provisions of sections 31A.01 to 31A.16, other than the requirement of the inspection legend, apply to articles which are not required to be inspected under this section.

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