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2 CSR 30-10.010 Inspection of Meat and Poultry

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the standards used to inspect meat/poultry slaughter and processing facilities in Missouri.

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(1) The state meat inspection program is administered by the Division of Animal Health of the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

(2) The standards used to inspect Missouri meat and poultry slaughter and processing shall be those shown in Part 300 to end of Title 9, the Code of Federal Regulations (January 2020), herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule as published by the United States Superintendent of Documents, 732 N Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC, 20402-0001, phone: toll-free (866) 512-1800; DC area (202) 512-1800, website: http://bookstore.gpo.gov. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(3) The standards used for humane slaughter of livestock shall be those shown in Chapter 48, the United States Code (U.S.C.), herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule, as published by the United States Superintendent of Documents, 732 N Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC, 20402-0001, phone: toll-free (866) 512-1800; DC area (202) 512-1800, email: http://bookstore.gpo.gov. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(4) The standards used to inspect Missouri meat products, and enforce such standards, shall be those shown in Title 21, Chapter 12, the United States Code (U.S.C., 601 et seq.) (May 22, 2008), herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule, as published by the United States Superintendent of Documents, 732 N Capital Street NW, Washington, DC 20402-0001, phone: toll free (866) 512-1800; DC area (202) 512-1800, email: http://bookstore.gpo.gov. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(5) The standards used to inspect Missouri poultry products, and enforce such standards, shall be those shown in Title 21, Chapter 10, the United States Code (U.S.C., 451 et seq.) (May 22, 2008), herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule, as published by the United States Superintendent of Documents, 732 N Capital Street NW, Washington, DC 20402-0001, phone: toll free (866) 512-1800; DC area (202) 512-1800, email: http://bookstore.gpo.gov. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(6) The standard used for the humane slaughter and inspection of rabbits shall be those shown in Chapter 265, RSMo 2000, with the following exceptions:

(A) The slaughtering of rabbits conducted by the person who has raised those rabbits, the processing of those rabbits by that person and the transportation in commerce of the products of those rabbits by that person when done exclusively for use by that person, members of that person’s household, that person’s employees, and that person’s nonpaying guests;

(B) The custom slaughter of rabbits by any person when the rabbits’ owner delivers them to such slaughterman for slaughter, processing, and transportation in commerce of the rabbit products when those rabbit products are for the exclusive use of the owner, members of the owner’s household, the owner’s employees, and the owner’s nonpaying guests. Provided, however, that the custom slaughterman does not engage in the business of buying or selling any rabbit products capable of use as human food. Persons operating under this exemption must retain records reflecting the date of each sale, the name of the owner and the date of sale. Records required by this part must be maintained and available for inspection for two (2) years from the date of sale;

(E) The exemptions provided for in subsections (6)(C) and (6)(D) hereof shall not apply if the custom slaughterman or other person:

1. Engages in the business of buying or selling any rabbit product; or

2. Engages in the business of buying or selling any rabbit product other than as specified;

3. Engages in the business of buying or selling any rabbit product or processing rabbit products to render the products fit for human food when distributed by such processor.

Person operating under this exemption must retain records reflecting the date of each sale, the name of the buyer for each sale, and the number of rabbits sold at each sale. Records required by this part must be maintained and available for inspection for two (2) years from the date of sale;

(F) Any person not qualifying for exemption of rabbits and rabbit products subject to inspection and must follow state meat inspection requirements.

(7) The slaughtering of poultry under an exemption in 9 CFR 381.10 must be done within twenty-four (24) hours of the poultry’s delivery to the slaughtering establishment. It is further provided that holding cages and cages provided by the establishment to its customers to transport the poultry to the establishment for slaughter must be cleaned and disinfected by the establishment after each use.
