

TITLE 2 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Division 30 – Animal Health
Chapter 10 – Food Safety and Meat Inspection

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

2 CSR 3010.010 Inspection of Meat and Poultry. The department is amending section (2).

PURPOSE: This amendment ensures that the current rule language clearly includes the most recent publication of Part 300 to end of Title 9, **Code of Federal Regulations**, for the Missouri Meat and Poultry Inspection Program to be in compliance with federal regulations and maintain “equal to” status as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture/Food Safety and Inspection Service.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency amendment is necessary to serve the compelling governmental interest to inform state agencies and the public of the most current adoption of Title 9 **Code of Federal Regulations** Parts 300 to end is incorporated into state regulation. The State Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI) programs are required to operate in a manner and with authorities that are “at least equal to” the antemortem and postmortem inspection, re-inspection, sanitation, recordkeeping, and enforcement provisions as provided for in the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act. State MPI programs must stay current with and be able to explain how their programs are equal to FSIS regulations to ensure their rules are “at least equal to” USDA/FSIS and in compliance with federal regulations. Therefore, an amendment to clarify the most current federal meat and poultry inspection regulations are being incorporated by reference and provide enforcement authority in Missouri. This regulation applies to approximately fifty (50) state inspected meat and poultry establishments and three hundred ninety-one (391) custom exempt plants in Missouri, which as a whole, produces millions of dollars in Missouri’s economy. This emergency amendment protects the public health, safety, and/or welfare under a compelling governmental interest, which requires this emergency action. The scope of this emergency amendment is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protection extended in the **Missouri and United States Constitutions**. The Department of Agriculture believes this emergency amendment is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed December 23, 2025, becomes effective January 8, 2026, and expires July 6, 2026.

(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 [2025] 2026), herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule as published by the United States Government Publishing Office, 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.

AUTHORITY: section 265.020, RSMo 2016. Original rule filed Sept. 14, 2000, effective March 30, 2001. For intervening history, please consult the **Code of State Regulations**. Emergency amendment filed Dec. 23, 2025, effective Jan. 8, 2026, and expires July 6, 2026. An emergency amendment and a proposed amendment covering this same material will be published in the Feb. 2, 2026, issue of the **Missouri Register**.

PUBLIC COST: This emergency amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the time the emergency is effective.

PRIVATE COSTS: This emergency amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the time the emergency is effective.