

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
STATE LIVESTOCK-POULTRY HEALTH COMMISSION
CHAPTER 27

Statutory authority: 1976 Code Section 47-4-30 and 47-17-130

R.27-1023 State Meat Inspection Regulation

Synopsis:

These regulations are being promulgated to modernize, clarify and update existing regulations which govern, to the extent authorized by S. C. Code, Title 47, Chapter 4, the inspection of meat and meat food products produced for intrastate commerce. These updated regulations are necessary to comply with the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21USCA 661, Section 301) which established Federal-State Cooperative Meat Inspection Programs and the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1978. This is a grant program with equal federal-state funding. A cooperating state is required to adopt regulations “at least equal to” those adopted by the federal government. This regulation will, in effect, adopt the current Federal Meat Inspection Regulations with some minor exceptions for some state specific requirements. The Notice of Drafting was published in the State Register on August 24, 2007.

Instructions:

Replace R27-1023 with the following amendment.

Text:

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A. Definitions.

1. *Commission* means the State Livestock-Poultry Health Commission, Clemson University.
2. *Director* means the Director, Livestock-Poultry Health Programs, Clemson University.
3. *Custom Processor* means the custom preparation by any person of carcasses, parts thereof, meat or meat food products derived from the slaughter by any individual of cattle, sheep, swine or goats of his own raising or from game animals, delivered by the owner thereof for such custom preparation and transportation in commerce of such custom prepared article, exclusively for the use in the household by the owner and members of the owners household and the owners non-paying guests and employees in an establishment permitted by the State Meat Inspection Department for that purpose.

- B. Permit required; fee; application; refusal, revocation or suspension.
1. Custom processors shall secure a permit from the Commission.
 2. The permit fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annually or for part of a year. The permit year is July 1 to June 30. The fee must be retained by the Commission. The Commission by regulation may increase the fee to not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).
 3. The Commission, for cause, may refuse to grant a permit, may revoke or modify a permit, or assess a civil penalty in accordance with Section 47-4-130, South Carolina Code of Laws (1976) as amended.
- C. Adoption of Federal Meat Inspection Regulations.
The United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Meat Inspection Regulations, 9 CFR, Chapter III, Subchapter A, Parts 300-320, 325, 329, 335, 352 and 354, and Subchapter E, Parts 416-417, 424, 430, 441 and 500 and all changes thereto in effect as of January 1, 2008 are hereby adopted as the State Meat Inspection Regulations, with exceptions as noted below.
- D. Exceptions to the Federal Meat Inspection Regulations.
1. Subchapter A, Part 303 – Exemptions, Section 303.1(a)(2). The provisions of this section related to custom slaughter of livestock do not apply. Custom slaughtering is not a specified exemption in the State Meat and Meat Foods Regulations and Inspection Law of 1967.
 2. Subchapter A, Part 307, Section 307.5(a) – Overtime Inspection Service. Fees and charges for overtime inspection service will be established, as required, by the Commission.
 3. Subchapter A, Part 307, Section 307.5(b) – Holiday Inspection Service. State holidays as designated by the State Budget and Control Board will be utilized by the state inspection program.
 4. Subchapter A, Part 312 – Official Marks, Devices and Certificates. Official state marks, devices and certificates of inspection will be utilized by the state inspection program.
 5. Subchapter A, Part 352, Section 352.5 – Holiday and Overtime Inspection Services. Fees and charges for overtime and state holiday inspection services will be established, as required by the Commission.
 6. Subchapter A, Part 352, Section 352.7 – Marking Inspected Products. Official state marks, devices and certificates of inspection will be utilized by the state inspection program.

- E. In addition to temporary suspension in whole or in part of inspection services, as provided for in this regulation, the Director may, when he determines that the operator of any official establishment or any subsidiary therein, acting within the scope of his office, employment or agency, has threatened to forcible assault or has forcibly assaulted, intimidated, harassed or interfered with any program employees in or on account of his official duties under the law, assess a civil penalty in accordance with Section 47-4-130(b), S.C. Code of Laws, (1976) as amended.

- F. The complete text of these regulations is available for review at the Meat-Poultry Inspection Department, Livestock-Poultry Health Programs, Clemson University.