

2023 Kansas Statutes

65-6a18. Definitions. As used in this act:

- (a) "Secretary" means the secretary of agriculture.
- (b) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association or other business unit or governmental entity.
- (c) "Broker" means any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying or selling carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat or meat food products of livestock on commission, or otherwise negotiating purchases or sales of such articles other than for the person's own account or as an employee of another person.
- (d) "Public warehouseman" means any person engaged in the business of storing for commerce any meat, meat products, poultry or poultry products without assuming ownership of the product in storage.
- (e) "Animal food manufacturer" means any person engaged in the business of manufacturing or processing animal food derived wholly or in part from carcasses, or parts or products of the carcasses, of livestock, domestic rabbits or poultry.
- (f) "Intrastate commerce" means commerce within the state of Kansas.
- (g) "Meat food product" means any product capable of use as human food which is made wholly or in part from any meat or other portions of the carcasses of any livestock or domestic rabbits, excepting products which contain meat or other portions of such carcasses only in a relatively small proportion or historically have not been considered by consumers as products of the meat food industry and which are exempted from definition as a meat food product by the secretary under such conditions as the secretary may prescribe to assure that the meat or other portions of such carcasses contained in such product are not adulterated and that such products are not represented as meat food products.
- (h) "Poultry" means any domesticated bird, whether live or dead.
- (i) "Poultry product" means any poultry carcass, or part thereof or any product which is made wholly or in part from any poultry carcass or part thereof, excepting products which contain poultry ingredients only in a relatively small proportion or historically have not been considered by consumers as products of the poultry food industry and which are exempted by the secretary from definition as a poultry product under such conditions as the secretary may prescribe to assure that the poultry ingredients in such products are not adulterated and that such products are not represented as poultry products.
- (j) "Capable of use as human food" means any carcass, or part or product of a carcass, of any animal unless it is denatured or otherwise identified as required by regulations adopted by the secretary to deter its use as human food or it is naturally inedible by humans.
- (k) "Prepared" means slaughtered or processed.
- (l) "Adulterated" means any carcass, or part thereof, any meat or meat food product, or any poultry or poultry product under one or more of the following circumstances:
 - (1) If the product bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health, except that if the substance is not an added substance, the product shall not be considered adulterated if the quantity of such substance on or in the product does not render it injurious to health;
 - (2) (A) if the product bears or contains, by reason of administration by feeding or by injection of any substance to the live animal or otherwise, any added poisonous or added deleterious substance, other than one which is (i) a pesticide chemical in or on a raw agricultural commodity; (ii) a food additive; or (iii) a color additive, which, in the judgment of the secretary, may make the product unfit for human food;
 - (B) if the product is, in whole or in part, a raw agricultural commodity and bears or contains a pesticide chemical which is unsafe within the meaning of rules and regulations adopted by the secretary;
 - (C) if the product bears or contains any food additive which is deemed unsafe in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary;
 - (D) if the product bears or contains any color additive which is deemed unsafe in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary; or
 - (E) any such product which is not adulterated under subsection (l)(2)(B), (l)(2)(C) or

(1)(2)(D) shall nevertheless be deemed adulterated if the use of the pesticide chemical, the food additive or the color additive on or in such product is prohibited by rules and regulations of the secretary in establishments at which inspection is maintained under this act;

(3) if the product consists, in whole or in part, of any filthy, putrid or decomposed substance or is for any other reason unsound, unhealthful, unwholesome or otherwise unfit for human food;

(4) if the product has been prepared, packed or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth or whereby it may have been rendered injurious to health;

(5) if the product is, in whole or in part, the product of an animal which has died otherwise than by slaughter;

(6) if the container for the product is composed, in whole or in part, of any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render the contents injurious to health;

(7) if the product has been intentionally subjected to radiation, unless the use of the radiation was in conformity with a regulation or exemption in effect pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the secretary;

(8) (A) if any valuable constituent on or in the product has been, in whole or in part, omitted or abstracted therefrom;

(B) if any substance has been extracted and substitution made therefor, in whole or in part, or if any damage to, or inferiority of, the product has been concealed in any manner; or

(C) if any substance has been added to such product, or if any substance has been mixed or packed therewith, so as (i) to increase the bulk or weight of the product (ii) to reduce the quality or strength of the product or (iii) to make the product appear better or of greater value than it is, except that this provision does not apply to any cured or smoked pork product by reason of its containing added water; or

(9) if the product is a margarine containing animal fat and if any of the raw material used therein consisted, in whole or in part, of any filthy, putrid or decomposed substance.

(m) "Misbranded" means any carcass, part thereof, meat or meat food product, or poultry or poultry product, under any one or more of the following circumstances:

(1) If the labeling on the product or product container is false or misleading in any particular;

(2) if the product is offered for sale under the name of another food;

(3) if the product is an imitation of another food, unless its label bears, in type of uniform size and prominence, the word "imitation" and immediately thereafter, the name of the food imitated;

(4) if the container on the product is so made, formed or filled as to be misleading;

(5) if the product is in a package or other container, unless it bears a label showing (A) the name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer or distributor and (B) an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents in terms of weight, measure or numerical count; under subsection (m)(5)(A), reasonable variations may be permitted and exemptions as to small packages may be established by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary;

(6) if any word, statement or other information, which is required by or under authority of this act to appear on the label or other labeling for the product, is not prominently placed thereon with such conspicuousness (as compared with other words, statements, designs or devices in the labeling) and in such terms as to render it likely to be read and understood by the ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase and use;

(7) if the product purports to be, or is represented to be, a food for which a definition and standard of identity or composition has been prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary, unless (A) it conforms to such definition and standard and (B) the label thereon bears the name of the food specified in the definition and standard, and insofar as may be required by such rules and regulations, the common names of optional ingredients (other than spices, flavoring and coloring) present in such food;

(8) if the product purports to be, or is represented to be, a food for which a standard of fill of container has been prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary and if

such product falls below the standard of fill of container applicable thereto, unless its label bears, in such manner and form as such rules and regulations specify, a statement that it falls below such standard;

(9) if the product is not subject to subsection (m)(7), unless its label bears (A) the common or usual name of the food, if there is any, and (B) in case it is fabricated from two or more ingredients, the common or usual name of each such ingredient, except that spices, flavorings and colorings, when authorized by the secretary, may be designated as spices, flavorings and colorings without naming each; to the extent that compliance with the requirements of clause (B) of this provision is impracticable or results in deception or unfair competition, exemptions shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary;

(10) if the product purports to be, or is represented to be, for special dietary uses, unless its label bears such information concerning its vitamin, mineral and other dietary properties as the secretary, after consultation with the secretary of agriculture of the United States, determines to be, and by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary are prescribed to be, necessary in order to fully inform a purchaser as to its value for such uses;

(11) if the product bears or contains any artificial flavoring, artificial coloring or chemical preservative, unless it bears labeling stating that fact; to the extent that compliance with the requirements of this provision is impracticable, exemptions shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary; or

(12) if the product fails to bear directly thereon, or on the product container, as the secretary may prescribe by rules and regulations, the inspection legend unrestricted by any of the foregoing and such other information as the secretary may require in such rules and regulations to assure that the product will not have any false or misleading labeling and that the public will be informed of the manner of handling required to maintain the product in a wholesome condition.

(n) "Label" means a display of written, printed or graphic matter upon the immediate container (not including package liners) of any article.

(o) "Labeling" means all labels and other written, printed or graphic matter (1) upon any article or any of its containers or wrappers or (2) accompanying the article.

(p) "Federal meat inspection act" means the act so entitled, approved March 4, 1907, (21 U.S.C.A. § 601 et seq., 34 Stat. 1260) as amended by the federal wholesome meat act (8 Stat. 584).

(q) "Federal food, drug and cosmetic act" means the act so entitled, approved June 25, 1938, (21 U.S.C.A. § 301 et seq., 52 Stat. 1040), and amendments thereto.

(r) "Federal poultry products inspection act" means the act so entitled, approved August 28, 1957, (21 U.S.C.A. § 451 et seq., 71 Stat. 441) as amended by the federal wholesome poultry products act (82 Stat. 791).

(s) "Pesticide chemical," "food additive," "color additive" and "raw agricultural commodity" have the meanings for purposes of this act as ascribed thereto under K.S.A. 65-656, and amendments thereto.

(t) "Official mark" means the official inspection legend or any other symbol prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary to identify the status of any article or animal under this act.

(u) "Official inspection legend" means any symbol prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary showing that an article was inspected and passed in accordance with this act.

(v) "Official certificate" means any certificate prescribed by rules and regulations of the secretary for issuance by an inspector or other person performing official functions under this act.

(w) "Official device" means any device prescribed or authorized by the secretary for use in applying any official mark.

(x) "Slaughter facility" means any facility or section thereof which carries on the slaughter and dressing of animals.

(y) "Processing facility" means any facility or section thereof that packs, cans, salts, renders, bones, cuts up or otherwise manufactures meat or poultry into meat food products or poultry products.

(z) "Buffalo" means the American buffalo or bison (*Bos*, *Bison bison* or *Bison americanus*).

(aa) "Livestock" means cattle, buffaloes, sheep, swine, goats, domesticated deer, all creatures of the ratite family that are not indigenous to this state, including but not limited to ostriches, emus and rheas or horses, mules or other equines. Livestock shall not include buffalo or domesticated deer slaughtered for sport or recreational purpose.

(bb) "Wholesaler" means any person engaged in the distribution of inspected and passed meat, meat products, poultry or poultry products. Wholesalers may not further process or repackage product.

(cc) "Humane slaughter act" means K.S.A. 47-1401 et seq., and amendments thereto, and rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

(dd) "Domesticated deer" means any member of the family cervidae which was legally obtained and is being sold or raised in a confined area for breeding stock; for any carcass, skin or part of such animal; for exhibition; or for companionship.

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