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CHAPTER 80-3-10
MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION

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80-3-10-.01 Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter is to implement the requirements of those statutes which regulate meat and poultry inspections set out in Code of Ala. 1975, §§2-17-1, et seq. Such statutes were enacted by the Legislature to provide the inhabitants of the State of Alabama with wholesome, properly labeled and packaged meat and meat food products and poultry and poultry food products by requiring that such food products be slaughtered, inspected, handled, packaged, transported and distributed in accordance with the requirements and in keeping with the purpose of the aforesaid legislative enactments and for the additional purpose of cooperating with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States in developing and administering an effective meat and poultry inspection program in this state by establishing requirements which equal those imposed by the applicable provisions of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (Wholesome Meat Act of 1967 and the Mandatory Poultry Products Inspection Act of 1968). Therefore, the State Board of Agriculture and Industries deems it necessary in implementing the provisions of these acts to adopt certain meat and poultry inspection requirements and regulations heretofore adopted by the United States Department of Agriculture for the administration and enforcement of the Wholesome Meat Act of 1967 and the Mandatory Poultry Products Inspection Act as heretofore enacted by the Congress of the United States. The State Board of Agriculture and Industries also deems it necessary in carrying out the intent and purpose of the state meat and poultry statutes as same relates to and governs the inspection of poultry and poultry food products, in implementing the provisions thereof with respect to said products, to adopt certain poultryinspection requirements and regulations heretofore adopted by the United States Department of Agriculture for administration and enforcement of the Mandatory

Poultry Products Inspection Act of 1968 as enacted by the Congress of the United States.
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80-3-10-.02 Meat Inspection Regulations Of USDA Adopted By Reference.

(1) The meat inspection regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture for administration and enforcement of the Wholesome Meat Act of 1967, as published in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Chapter III, Subchapter A, entitled Meat Inspection Regulations and Subchapter E entitled Regulatory Requirements under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference thereto, as if same were fully set out herein, as the procedures and requirements which shall be followed by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries for implementation, administration and enforcement of the state meat and poultry statutes. The specific regulations adopted hereunder by reference are as follows: Under Subchapter A, all of Parts 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 325, 329; and under Subchapter E all of Parts 416, 417, 424, 430, 441 and 500; however, Food Safety and Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250 shall be construed to mean the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, and the U.S.D.A. Mark of Inspection under 312 above shall mean Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Mark of Inspection.

(2) It is hereby intended that the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, for meat inspection pursuant to the Wholesome Meat Act of 1967, shall be the procedures and requirements to be followed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries in conducting meat and meat products inspections and in carrying out the other requirements of the meat and poultry inspection statutes of the State of Alabama, except where such regulations are in conflict with the provisions and requirements of said state statutes or any regulations promulgated thereunder or where such regulations are not applicable to, or required for, the administration and enforcement of said statutes in the manner as herein intended by the provisions of said legislative enactments.
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80-3-10-.03 Poultry Inspection Regulations Of USDA Adopted By Reference.

The Poultry Inspection Regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture for administration and enforcement of the Mandatory Poultry Products Inspection Act of 1968 as published in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Chapter III, Part 381 except sub-parts M, T, U, and V entitled Poultry Products Inspection Regulations; and Part 430 entitled Requirements For Specific Classes of Product and Part 441 entitled Consumer Protection Standards; Raw Products as published in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Chapter III, Subchapter E, entitled Regulatory Requirements under the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference thereto as the procedures which shall be followed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries for implementation, administration, and enforcement of the state poultry inspection statutes where such regulations are applicable and same are necessary for inspection and other requirements for the slaughter, handling, packaging, transportation and sale of poultry and poultry food products within the State of Alabama to carry out the express provisions and requirements of Code of Ala. 1975, §2-17-1, et seq.
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80-3-10-.04 Record-Keeping Requirements For Slaughterers, Brokers And Renderers..

Code of Ala. 1975, §2-17-23, states, in substance, that slaughterers, meat brokers and renderers shall keep such records that willfully and correctly disclose all transactions involved in their business. Willful and correct disclosure is hereby defined as follows for the following establishments:

(a) All slaughterers defined in Code of Ala. 1975, §2-17-23(1), to include custom slaughterers as defined in Code of Ala. 1975, §2-17-27(a)(3), shall keep for a minimum of two years records reflecting the following:

1. The number of animals received;

2. The name and address of the owner of said animals;

3. The date the animals were received;

4. The description of the animals received;

5. The license number of the vehicle delivering the animals or the railroad waybill or records of any other method of transportation by which the livestock arrived at the establishment;

6. The above record-keeping requirements shall not be applicable for animals purchased at a livestock market by the slaughterer, except that invoices reflecting the purchase at the market shall be required and said invoices shall be kept for at least two years.

(b) All brokers, wholesalers or other entities defined in Code of Ala. 1975, §2-17-23(2), above shall keep for a minimum of two years records reflecting the following:

1. Copies of invoices or other evidence of the transaction of buying and/or selling of the meat product or carcasses,

2. The date purchased or sold of the meat product or carcass,

3. The description and weight of the product purchased or sold,

4. The name and address of the entity either buying or selling said product.

(c) All renderers or other entities defined in Code of Ala. 1975, §2-17-23(3), above shall keep for a minimum of two years records reflecting the following:

1. Copies of invoices or other evidence of the transaction of purchasing or selling the animals or parts of animal carcasses defined in Code of Ala. 1975, §2-17-23(3);

2. The date purchased or sold;

3. The description of the animals or product purchased or sold;

4. The name and address of the seller or buyer.

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