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Wyoming does not have a formally adopted statutory code governing meat slaughter and inspection. Instead, the legislature gave authority to the Wyoming department of agriculture, the department of health, and the governor’s food safety council to create regulations implementing the Wyoming Food Safety Rule. This authority was delegated in Wyo Stat. §35-7-120. Those agencies, in drafting WY Rules and Regulations 010.0003.14 § 2, part of the Wyoming Food Safety Rule, adopted the latest provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Part 300. This allowed the state to stay in compliance with the United States Department of Agriculture and to maintain the “at least equal to” status for the state meat inspection program.

Other relevant parts of the Wyoming Food Safety Rule are as follows:

Current through April 8 2020

WY Rules and Regulations 010.0003.1 § 1

Pursuant to the authority vested in the director of the Wyoming department of agriculture by virtue of W.S. 35-7-120, 35-7-123 (a) (iii), and 35-7-127, together with the department of health and the governor’s food safety council established pursuant to W.S. 35-7-127, the following rules are hereby promulgated.

WY Rules and Regulations 010.0003.1 § 2

(a) These provisions shall be known as the Wyoming Food Safety Rule, hereinafter referred to as this Rule.

WY Rules and Regulations 010.0003.1 § 3

(a) The purpose of this Rule is to safeguard public health and assure consumers that food is safe, unadulterated, and honestly presented.

(b) This Rule establishes definitions; sets standards for management and personnel, food operations, equipment and facilities; and provides for establishment or processing plant plan review, license issuance, inspection, employee restriction, and license suspension.
(a) The regulatory authority shall apply this Rule to promote its underlying purpose of safeguarding the public health and assuring that food is safe, unadulterated, and honestly presented when offered to the consumer.

(b) In enforcing the provisions of this Rule, the regulatory authority shall assess existing facilities or equipment that were in use before the effective date of this Rule based on the following considerations:

(i) Whether the facilities or equipment are in good repair and capable of being maintained in a sanitary condition;

(ii) Whether food-contact surfaces comply with Chapter 6, Section 13;

(iii) Whether the capacities of cooling, heating, and holding equipment are sufficient to comply with Chapter 3, Section 30; and

(iv) The existence of a documented agreement with the license holder that the facilities or equipment will be replaced as specified under Chapter 2, Section 12 (a)(vii), or upgraded or replaced as specified under Chapter 2, Section 12 (a)(vii)(A).

(a) As authorized by W.S. 35-7-123; 9 CFR, 321 Cooperation with States and Territories, and 9 CFR 381 Subpart R-Cooperation with States and Territories; Certification of State and Territorial Programs as at Least Equal to Federal Program, the Wyoming department of agriculture shall maintain a State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program.

(i) The director shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Rule and shall employ or contract with such persons as may be appropriate.

(b) As authorized by 9 CFR 307.5 Overtime and Holiday Inspection Service and 307.6 Basis of Billing for Overtime and Holiday Services, the Department has the authority to charge state inspected meat and poultry plants for overtime and holiday inspection services.

(i) The owner/operator of a state inspected meat or poultry plant shall reimburse the Department for the cost of the inspection service furnished on any holiday as specified in Section 16 (b) (ii); or for more than 8 hours on any day, or more than 40 hours in any workweek Saturday through Friday.

(ii) Holidays for State employees shall be New Year’s Day, January 1; Equality Day, the third Monday in January; President’s Day, the third Monday in February; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, the first Monday in September; Veterans’ Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25 or any other day declared to be a holiday by the Governor of Wyoming or the President of the United States. When any of the above listed holidays falls outside the basic workweek, the nearest workday within that week shall become a holiday.

(iii) Each recipient of overtime or holiday inspection service, or both, shall be billed at the rate of one and one half (1 1/2) times the normal hourly rate of the Inspector-In-Charge for the plant making the
request, in increments of quarter hours. For billing purposes, 8 or more minutes shall be considered a full quarter hour. Billing will be for each quarter hour of service rendered by each Department employee.

(iv) State inspected meat or poultry plants requesting and receiving the services of a Department employee after he or she has completed his or her day’s assignment and left the premises, or called back to duty during any overtime or holiday period, shall be billed for a minimum of 2 hours overtime or holiday inspection service at the established rate.

(v) Bills are payable upon receipt and become delinquent 30 days from the date of the bill. Overtime or holiday inspection will not be performed for anyone having a delinquent account.

**WY Rules and Regulations 010.0003.14 § 1**

For the codes, standards, rules and regulations incorporated by reference in these rules, the following apply:

(a) The Wyoming Department of Agriculture determined that the incorporation of the full text in these rules is cumbersome and inefficient given the length and nature of the codes, standards, rules and regulations;

(b) The incorporation by reference consists of the codes, standards, rules and regulations in effect on January 1, 2016. The incorporation does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter;

(c) The incorporated codes, standards, rules and regulations are maintained at 2219 Carey Ave, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001 and are available for public inspection and copying at cost at the same location.

**WY Rules and Regulations 010.0003.14 § 2**

The following codes, standards, rules and regulations are incorporated by reference in these rules:

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. The incorporated material may be found electronically at: http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse.

(b) The following United States Codes: 7 USC 136(e) Certified Applicator; Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, 7 USC 1901 through 1907; Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (201), 21 USC 321 (k), (m), (s), (t) & (ff); Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (301), 21 USC 331 (v); Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (403), 21 USC 333; Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (402), 21 USC 342; Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (409), 21 USC 348; Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (413), 21 USC 350b; Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (703), 21 USC 373; Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (706), 21 USC 376 - 377. The incorporated federal codes may be found electronically at: uscode.house.gov

(c) National Shellfish Sanitation Program Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish, found electronically at:

(d) U.S. Public Health Service/FDA “Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance”, found electronically at:


(f) United States Department of Agriculture/Agriculture Marketing Service “Milk for Manufacturing Purposes and its Production and Processing”, found electronically at:

(g) International Plumbing Code, found at www.iccsafe.org.

(h) USDA AMS 56 U.S. Standards, Grades, and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs, found electronically at:
http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Shell_Egg_Standard%5B1%5D.pdf

(i) 50 FR 15861 United States Standards for Grades of Extracted Honey, found electronically at:

(j) 32 FR 7565 United States Standards for Grades of Comb Honey, found electronically at: