

Chapter Ag 48

**IDENTIFICATION OF MEAT FOR ANIMAL FEED**

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**Ag 48.01 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

(1) "Department" means the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.

(2) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association or any other business entity.

(3) "Animal" means cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses and other equines, and poultry, and includes dead animals.

(4) "Carcass" means all parts, including the viscera, of animals.

(5) "Manufacture of animal food" means engaging in the business of manufacturing or processing food for animals derived wholly or in part from carcasses of animals.

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**Ag 48.02 Registration.** (1) Animal feed manufacturers and operators of fur farms who buy, sell, process or use any animals, including carcasses, that they slaughter or collect for the manufacture of animal food, or for feeding to fur bearing animals, either in a raw or cooked state, alone or by mixing with commercial feeds or other feed substances, shall register their names and their business locations with the Meat Inspection Division of the department.

(2) All information shall be current and correct, and whenever any change is made in the name, address, ownership, or nature of the business, the Meat Inspection Division shall be notified within 15 days after such change.

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**Ag 48.03 Records.** (1) Persons registered for the purpose of dealing in animals, carcasses and meat considered inedible as human food that is used for animal food, shall keep records that fully and correctly disclose all transactions involving the procurement and disposal of animals, carcasses and meat considered inedible as human food, and shall include the name and address of the supplier, type of animal or carcass, and net weight if applicable.

(2) Records shall be retained for a period of 5 years after the transaction referred to on the record, unless otherwise directed.

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**Ag 48.04 Decharacterization.** Carcasses of animals and meat considered inedible as human food (unless naturally inedible) to be used for animal food, prior to being frozen or being offered for sale or transportation, shall be decharacterized and properly identified in the following manner:

(1) An approved decharacterizing agent shall be liberally applied to all surfaces and mixed with all the material to be decharacterized

so that it cannot easily be removed by washing, soaking, trimming, or any other means. The decharacterized material must have a distinctive color, texture, odor or taste so that it cannot be confused with an article of human food. Carcasses of animals not properly decharacterized, denatured or labeled may be tagged and detained as being capable of use as human food, and may only be disposed of under departmental supervision.

(2) Decharacterized products being transported shall be identified by tag or label stating: "Not For Human Consumption—Decharacterized With \_\_\_\_\_." Net weight and name and address of processor or manufacturer shall be shown unless shipping papers accompanying the shipment so identify the product.

(3) Approved decharacterizing agents are: FD&C Blue #2 coloring; FD&C Violet #1 coloring; and mixtures with these coloring agents to accomplish the purpose; or 4% by weight of coarsely (No. 5 mesh) ground hard bone uniformly incorporated in the decharacterized product; or low grade offal ground with the product to make it readily distinguishable from an article of human food. Other decharacterizing agents may be used when approved by the department.

(4) Carcasses or parts thereof more than 4 inches square or thick shall be freely slashed and stabbed, and one of the above-listed liquid agents liberally applied to all surfaces.

(5) Diluted crude carbolic acid, or cresylic disinfectant or other approved denaturant shall be used for animals or carcasses to be rendered.

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**Ag 48.05 Handling of animals and carcasses.** (1) Dying, diseased or disabled animals destined for use as animal feed shall be delivered without delay to registrants procuring them. Animals shall be slaughtered promptly upon receipt.

(2) All dead animals, carcasses and parts shall be transported in leak-proof vehicles or by use of leak-proof containers to prevent spillage or the dripping of liquid waste.

(3) Dead animals, carcasses and parts being transported shall be completely covered or transported in a closed truck or container.

(4) To control insects and odors, and to prevent the spread of contagious disease, all vehicles and equipment shall be cleaned and sanitized after hauling dead, dying, diseased or disabled animals.

(5) Every registrant receiving dead, dying, diseased or disabled animals, or carcasses, shall maintain a building or plant that lends itself to thorough cleaning and sanitizing and disinfecting, and shall keep it in a sanitary condition. Such building or plant shall be used for the handling, preparation and/or processing of animals of the kinds specified above to the exclusion of any human food operation or business, unless under full-time federal or state inspection.

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**Ag 48.06 Labeling.** Any person engaged in the manufacture of animal food, as defined in this chapter, who is not registered under section 94.72, Wis. Stats., shall attach to each container offered for sale, or delivered with each bulk lot sold, a plainly printed label or tag stating:

- (1) The net weight of the contents of the container or bulk lot.
- (2) The name and principal address of the manufacturer or distributor.
- (3) The name of each ingredient contained therein.
- (4) The words "Animal Food", "Dog Food", "Cat Food", or other characterizing name, and the statement, "Not For Human Consumption" in the largest size of type of lettering used on the label.

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