

## CHAPTER 99.

## UNIFORM COLD STORAGE ACT.

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**Cross Reference:** See definitions in 93.01.

**99.01 Definitions.** For the purpose of this chapter "cold storage" shall mean the storage or keeping of articles of food at or below a temperature above zero of 50 degrees Fahrenheit in a cold storage warehouse; "cold storage warehouse" shall mean any place artificially cooled to or below a temperature above zero of 50 degrees Fahrenheit, in which articles of food are placed and held for 40 days or more; and articles of food shall be deemed to be "received in cold storage" when they are delivered to and come into possession or custody of the licensee of a cold storage warehouse.

**History:** 1951 c. 355.

**99.02 License.** No person, firm or corporation shall maintain or operate a cold storage warehouse without a license so to do issued by the department of agriculture. Any person, firm or corporation desiring such license shall make written application to the department for that purpose, stating the location of the warehouse. The department thereupon shall cause an examination to be made of said warehouse and, if it be found by the department to be in a proper sanitary condition and otherwise properly equipped for its intended use, the department shall issue a license authorizing the applicant to operate the same as a cold storage warehouse during one year upon payment to the state treasurer by the applicant of a license fee as follows: For a warehouse located in a city of the first class, \$40; for a warehouse located in a city of the second class, \$30; for a warehouse located in a city of the third class, or a village of over 10,000 population, \$20; for a warehouse located in a city of the fourth class, \$10; and for a warehouse located in a village or town, \$5.

**99.03 Sanitation.** In case any cold storage warehouse, or any part thereof, shall at any time be deemed by the department to be in an insanitary condition, or not properly equipped for its intended use, it shall notify the licensee of such condition and upon the failure of the licensee to put such cold storage warehouse in a sanitary condition or to properly equip the same for its intended use, within a time to be designated by the department, it shall revoke such license.

[99.04 Stats. 1949 repealed by 1951 c. 355]

**99.05 Inspection.** The department shall inspect and supervise all cold storage warehouses and make such inspection of articles therein as it may deem necessary to secure the proper enforcement of this chapter, and it shall have access to all cold storage warehouses at all reasonable times. The department may appoint such persons as it deems qualified to make any inspection under this chapter.

**History:** 1951 c. 355.

**99.06 Purity of foods.** No person, firm or corporation, as owner shall knowingly place, receive or keep in any cold storage warehouse any articles used for food or drink or condiment by man, whether simple, mixed or compound, nor any article used or intended for use as ingredients in the composition thereof, or in the preparation thereof, if diseased, tainted, infested or contaminated with maggots or any other form of insect organism or with animal excreta or if otherwise unfit for human consumption, or which may not reasonably be expected to keep wholesome for human consumption, unless said articles bear a label or brand in accordance with forms to be prescribed by the department showing plainly the fact that the said articles are not intended for human consumption and are not to be sold or used as and for such, and the date when such articles were received in cold storage, and unless the aforesaid articles shall be stored separate and apart from all foods intended for human consumption.

**99.07 Marking dates of reception and removal of foods.** Whenever articles of food shall be received in cold storage, each lot of such articles shall be identified and stamped with a distinguishing lot number under which they shall be kept in cold storage and which

distinguishes them from each and all articles then in cold storage or delivered later for cold storage, and such lot numbers and the dates of receipt into and delivery from cold storage shall be made an essential part of the records of such cold storage warehouses and shall appear on their records, warehouse or other receipt, or any other memoranda in writing relating to such articles.

**History:** 1951 c. 355.

*[99.08, 99.09, 99.10 Stats. 1949 repealed by 1951 c. 355]*

*[99.11 Stats. 1941 repealed by 1943 c. 401 s. 25]*

**99.12 Penalties.** Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be for the first offense fined not to exceed \$200 or imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed 6 months or both and for the second or any subsequent offense fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 6 month or both.

**History:** 1951 c. 223.

*[99.13 and 99.14 Stats. 1949 repealed by 1951 c. 355]*