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DEFINITIONS

§ 355.1 Meaning of words.

Words used in this part in the singular form shall be deemed to import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand.

§ 355.2 Terms defined.

When used in this part unless otherwise distinctly expressed or manifestly incompatible with the intent thereof:

(a) Person means any individual, partnership, association, business, trust, corporation, or any organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not.
(b) Program means the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program of the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.
(c) Circuit supervisor means an inspector of the Program assigned to supervise and perform official work at a circuit. Such inspector is assigned by and reports directly to the Administrator or other person designated by him.
(d) Inspector means an inspector of the Program.
(e) Inspected plant means any plant preparing certified products for dogs,
cats, or other carnivora at which inspection is maintained under the regulations contained in this part.

(f) Circuit means one or more inspected plants assigned to a circuit supervisor.

(g) Animal protein supplement means a product containing animal protein and other elements normal to the component for use in compounding a maintenance food for dogs, cats, and other carnivora.

(h) Products means the products for dogs, cats, and other carnivora marked, or to be marked, with the certification provided in this part.

(i) Meat means the U.S. inspected and passed and so identified clean, wholesome muscle tissue of cattle, sheep, swine, or goats which is skeletal or which is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart, or in the esophagus with or without the accompanying and overlying fat and the portions of skin, sinews, nerves, and blood vessels which normally accompany the muscle tissue and which are not separated from it in the process of dressing. It does not include the muscle found in the lips, snout, or ears.

(j) Animal food meat by-product means the part other than meat which has been derived from one or more cattle, sheep, swine, or goats that have been U.S. Inspected and Passed and is fit for use as animal food.

(k) Horse meat means the U.S. inspected and passed and so identified clean, wholesome muscle tissue of horses which is skeletal or which is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart, or in the esophagus, with or without the accompanying and overlying fat and the portions of sinews, nerves, and blood vessels which normally accompany the muscle tissue and which are not separated from it in the process of dressing.

(l) Animal food horse meat by-product means the part other than meat which has been derived from one or more horses that have been handled in accordance with §355.41 and is fit for use as animal food.

(m) Bone means the U.S. inspected and passed and so identified clean, wholesome bone which has been derived from cattle, sheep, swine, goats or horses, or bone derived from mules slaughtered and passed under Program inspection in accordance with §355.41.


(o) Poultry product means any edible part of fresh poultry which have been slaughtered for human food and from which the blood, feathers, feet, head and viscera have been removed in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(p) Administrator. The Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated or may hereafter be delegated to act in his stead.

(q) Whale meat means the muscle tissue of whales which is fit for use in animal food.

(r) Fish means the whole or part of any aquatic, water breathing vertebrates, commonly designated as fish, which is fit for use in animal food.

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Products Inspection Act which is fit for use in animal food.


SCOPE OF INSPECTION SERVICE

§ 355.3 Plants eligible for inspection.

Upon application, inspection may be granted at a plant where products are to be prepared, when the Administrator has determined that the application conforms to and the plant meets with the requirements of this part.

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§ 355.4 Application.

The owner or operator of any plant of the kind specified in § 355.3 may apply to the Administrator for inspection, certification, and identification. In cases of change of ownership or change of location, new applications shall be made.

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§ 355.5 Drawings.

Triplicate copies of complete drawings with specifications, consisting of floor plans showing the locations of such features as the principal pieces of equipment, floor drains, principal drainage lines, hand-washing basins, and hose connections for cleanup purposes; elevations; roof plans when necessary to show size and location of skylights and the like; cross and longitudinal sections of the various buildings, showing such features as principal pieces of equipment, heights of ceilings, conveyor rails, and character of floors, walls, and ceilings; and a plot plan showing relationship of various departments and structures of the plants, properly drawn to scale, shall accompany applications. Where complete approved drawings and specifications are available in the files of the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, covering a plant operating under the supervision of that Program, it will not be necessary that drawings and specifications accompany an application made under this part for inspection at such plant.


§ 355.6 Review of applications.

The Administrator will determine whether applications shall be granted or refused.

INAUGURATION OF INSPECTION

§ 355.7 Inauguration of inspection.

When an application for inspection, certification, and identification is granted, the circuit supervisor shall, at or prior to the inauguration of inspection, inform the owner or operator of the plant of the requirements of the regulations contained in this part. Inspection shall not be begun if a plant is not in a sanitary condition. The applicant shall adopt and enforce all necessary measures and shall comply with all such directions as the circuit supervisor may prescribe for carrying out the purposes of this part.

§ 355.8 Official number.

To each plant granted inspection an official number shall be assigned. Such number shall be preceded by the letter “A” and used to identify all certified products prepared in the plant.

§ 355.9 Numbers granted same ownership or control.

Two or more official plants under the same ownership or control may be granted the same official number, provided a serial letter is added after the number in each case to identify the plant.

§ 355.10 Assignment of inspectors.

The Administrator shall designate a circuit supervisor of the inspection at each circuit and assign to him such assistants as may be necessary.