

**1550.2950 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of parts 1550.2940 to 1550.3000 the terms in this part have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. **Agricultural products.** "Agricultural products" means livestock, dairy products, poultry or poultry products, fish, fruit of all kinds, vegetables, grains, bees, and apiary products.

Subp. 3. **Certification mark.** "Certification mark" means the logo registered by the department with the secretary of state and the United States Office of Patents and Trademarks to identify a food product which is produced, processed, or manufactured in Minnesota.

Subp. 4. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner's authorized representative.

Subp. 5. **Commodity council.** "Commodity council" means any of the agricultural research and promotion councils created under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes.

Subp. 6. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Agriculture.

Subp. 7. **Food product.** "Food product" means an agricultural product used directly for food or drink for human consumption or a combination of agricultural products, raw materials, and food ingredients which is processed or manufactured into an article of food or drink for human consumption.

Subp. 8. **Improper use.** "Improper use" means an unauthorized use of the logo or a use of the logo inconsistent with parts 1550.2940 to 1550.3000.

Subp. 9. **Labeling statement.** "Labeling statement" means the phrase "Minnesota Food Product" or other words signifying Minnesota origin.

Subp. 10. **Logo.** "Logo" means the Minnesota food products logo. A facsimile of the logo appears in part 1550.3000.

Subp. 11. **Manufacturer; processor.** "Manufacturer" or "processor" means an individual, partnership, cooperative association, or corporation which processes or manufactures raw materials and other food ingredients into food products, reprocesses food products, packages food products for sale to others for resale, or commercially slaughters animals or poultry. The terms include cold storage warehouses as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 28.01, subdivision 3, dairy plants as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 32.01, subdivision 6, and individuals, partnerships, cooperative associations, or corporations which extract, ferment, distill, pickle, bake, freeze, dry, smoke, grind, mix, stuff, pack, bottle, treat, or preserve food for sale to others for resale.

Subp. 12. **Producer.** "Producer" means an individual, partnership, family farm, family farm corporation, authorized farm corporation, or cooperative association engaged in the production for sale of agricultural products.

Subp. 13. **Retailer.** "Retailer" means an individual, partnership, cooperative association, or corporation selling a food product to the consumer and not for the purpose of resale in any form.

Subp. 14. **Trade association.** "Trade association" means a Minnesota-based organization of producers, processors, manufacturers, or retailers of food products.

Subp. 15. **Wholesaler.** "Wholesaler" means an individual, partnership, cooperative association, corporation, business trust, or unincorporated organization which sells or supplies a food product to a retailer, industrial buyer, restaurant, or institution or sells on behalf of one wholesaler to another wholesaler.

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