

**31.661 MARKS, STAMPS, TAGS, BRANDS, OR LABELS.**

No person shall:

(1) willfully mark, stamp, tag, brand, label, or in any other way or by any other means of identification, represent or cause to be marked, stamped, tagged, branded, labeled, or represented as kosher or as having been prepared as prescribed by a rabbinic authority, with the name and institutional affiliation and denominational affiliation, if any, of the rabbinic authority identified, food or food products not kosher or not so prepared;

(2) willfully mark, stamp, tag, brand, label, or in any other way or by any other means of identification, represent or cause to be marked, stamped, tagged, branded, labeled, or represented as Halal or as having been prepared in accordance with the Islamic religious requirements, food or food products, meat or meat products, or poultry or poultry products not Halal or not so prepared;

(3) willfully remove, deface, obliterate, cover, alter, or destroy or cause to be removed, defaced, obliterated, covered, altered, or destroyed the original slaughterhouse plumba or any other mark, stamp, tag, brand, label, or any other means of identification affixed to foods or food products to indicate that such foods or food products are kosher or have been prepared as prescribed by a rabbinic authority, with the name and institutional affiliation and denominational affiliation, if any, of the rabbinic authority identified;

(4) willfully remove, deface, obliterate, cover, alter, or destroy or cause to be removed, defaced, obliterated, covered, altered, or destroyed the original Halal sign, mark, stamp, tag, brand, label, or any other means of identification affixed to foods or food products, meat or meat products, or poultry or poultry products to indicate that the foods or food products, meat or meat products, or poultry or poultry products are Halal or have been prepared in accordance with Islamic religious requirements;

(5) knowingly sell, dispose of, or possess for the purpose of resale to any person as kosher, any food or food products not having affixed thereto the original slaughterhouse plumba or any other mark, stamp, tag, brand, label, or other means of identification employed to indicate that such food or food products are kosher or have been prepared as prescribed by a rabbinic authority, with the name and institutional affiliation and denominational affiliation, if any, of the rabbinic authority identified, or any food or food products to which such plumba, mark, stamp, tag, brand, label, or other means of identification has or have been fraudulently affixed; or

(6) knowingly sell, dispose of, or possess for the purpose of resale to any person as Halal, any food or food products, meat or meat products, or poultry or poultry products not having affixed the original Halal sign, mark, stamp, tag, brand, label, or other means of identification employed to indicate that the food or food products, meat or meat products, or poultry or poultry products

are Halal or have been prepared in accordance with Islamic religious requirements or any food or food products, meat or meat products, or poultry or poultry products to which the original Halal mark, stamp, tag, brand, label, or other means of identification has been fraudulently affixed.

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