

**31.631 HORSE MEAT INTENDED FOR OTHER THAN HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Preparation.** It shall be unlawful for any person to offer or expose for sale, or possess or traffic in, any horse meat with intent to use or sell the same for other than human consumption unless it is denatured or decharacterized so as to make it readily distinguishable from horse meat intended for human consumption, or unless it complies with federal laws and regulations applicable thereto.

Subd. 2. **Labels.** All packing boxes and containers containing denatured horse meat shall bear thereon in a conspicuous manner in boldface type not less than one-half inch in height the statement "FOR ANIMAL FOOD ONLY." Such statement shall be printed or form a part of the main label affixed to or stamped on such packing boxes or containers, or shall be stamped on the same end or side of such packing boxes or containers that such main label is affixed or stamped thereon.

Subd. 3. **Inspection.** For obtaining information regarding compliance with law the commissioner of agriculture, and any of the commissioner's agents, representatives or employees, shall have access to all places, buildings or premises, and to all wagons, automobiles, vehicles or cars used in the preparation, production, distribution, transportation, exposing for sale or sale of any horse meat not intended for sale or use for human consumption and shall have such other authority as is provided in section 31.04.

Subd. 4. **Violation, penalty.** Any person violating any provisions of this section shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

**History:** 1953 c 583 s 1-4; 1961 c 113 s 1; 1986 c 444