

**17.045 FOOD PROCESSORS; INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS.**

The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, with the cooperation and assistance of the attorney general, may investigate any complaint which suggests that an establishment licensed by the state and engaging in the production, processing or handling of meat, fish, poultry, dairy or other food products has been subjected to food handling requirements which are inconsistent with the published laws, rules or standards of a federal, state or local agency. The findings of any such investigation shall be promptly reported to the complainant, to any trade association with whom the complainant is associated or which has requested a copy of the report of findings, and to any agency or official against which the complaint is directed or which has jurisdiction over the matter complained of. Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to an official establishment which is operating under inspection programs pursuant to the Federal Meat Inspection Act or the Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act.

**History:** 1973 c 745 s 1; 1985 c 248 s 70