31A.11 FORGING OF OFFICIAL MARKS OR CERTIFICATES.

Subdivision 1. **Unauthorized marks or certificates.** No brand manufacturer, printer, or other person may cast, print, lithograph, or otherwise make a device containing an official mark, simulation of an official mark, label bearing a mark or simulation, or form of official certificate or simulation, except as authorized by the commissioner.

Subd. 2. **Prohibitions.** No person may:

(1) forge an official device, mark, or certificate;

(2) without authorization from the commissioner use a real or simulated official device, mark, or certificate, or alter, detach, deface, or destroy an official device, mark, or certificate;

(3) contrary to the rules prescribed by the commissioner, detach, deface, destroy, or fail to use an official device, mark, or certificate;

(4) knowingly possess, without promptly notifying the commissioner or the commissioner's representative, an official device, a counterfeit, simulated, forged, or improperly altered official certificate, or a device, label, or carcass, part, or product of an animal bearing a counterfeit, simulated, forged, or improperly altered official mark;

(5) knowingly make a false statement in a shipper's certificate or other certificate provided for in the rules of the commissioner; or

(6) knowingly represent falsely that an article has been inspected and passed, or exempted, under this chapter.

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