28A.153 WILD GAME PROCESSOR EXEMPTION.

Subdivision 1. **Licensing provisions applicability.** The licensing provisions of sections 28A.01 to 28A.16 do not apply to an individual who processes wild game or fowl as described in section 31A.15, subdivision 1, clause (2), if the following requirements are met:

(1) the individual does not own an operation subject to the licensing provisions of sections 28A.01 to 28A.16;

(2) the individual's operation is limited to the handling of raw products, to include cutting, grinding, and packaging, and without further preparation of the wild game or fowl products;

(3) the individual does not add any additional ingredients to the wild game or fowl products;

(4) the wild game or fowl products are not donated or sold; and

(5) all wild game or fowl products are packaged and labeled as "Not for Sale."

Subd. 2. **Sales limitation.** An individual processing wild game or fowl under this section is limited to total services with gross receipts of $20,000 or less in a calendar year or the processing of 200 deer in a calendar year, whichever is greater.

Subd. 3. **Registration.** Individuals processing wild game under this section are encouraged to register annually with the commissioner. The commissioner must not assess a registration fee.

Subd. 4. **Permit exemption.** An individual processing wild game under this section is not required to obtain a custom processing permit under section 28A.04, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Chronic wasting disease.** If a white-tailed deer was harvested from a chronic wasting disease management area established by the commissioner of natural resources, an individual processing wild game under this section must dispose of the carcass through any disposal method approved for the management area in Department of Natural Resources hunting rules.

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