

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 55

ABANDONMENT OF MEAT AT MEAT PROCESSING PLANTS

**Section 1. Authority.** These regulations are promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302(xvi)(xxii) and W.S. §23-3-303.

**Section 2. Definitions.** Definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, Commission regulations, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Meat" shall mean meat from a big game animal or game bird.
- (b) "Meat processing plant" shall mean a custom meat processor or custom game processor licensed by the state of Wyoming in accordance with W.S. §35-7-707.
- (c) "Last known mailing address" shall mean the address of the license holder who harvested the meat, or if no address is given to the meat processing plant, the address which appears on the license which was utilized to harvest the meat.
- (d) "Reasonable time" shall mean ten (10) calendar days following notification to enforcement personnel of the department.

**Section 3. Responsibility of Meat Processing Plant and Owner of Meat.** No person shall leave meat from a big game animal or game bird at a meat processing plant for more than forty-five (45) days.

(a) Following the expiration of the forty-five (45) day period in this section, the owner or operator in charge of the meat processing plant shall send by first class mail a notice to the last known mailing address of the license holder who harvested the meat. The notice shall state that the meat must be removed from the meat processing plant within ten (10) calendar days following the postmarked date on the envelope containing the notice. The owner or operator in charge of the meat processing plant shall maintain a written record indicating the date the notice was postmarked, to whom the notice was mailed and the address to which the notice was mailed.

(b) The owner of the meat shall remove the meat from the meat processing plant within ten (10) calendar days following the date the written notification from the meat processing plant was postmarked.

(c) If the letter sent by the owner or operator in charge of the meat processing plant to the last known mailing address of the owner of the meat is returned as undeliverable, the owner or operator in charge of the meat processing plant shall maintain the returned letter indicating it was undeliverable.

**Section 4. Notification to the Department.** The owner or operator in charge of the meat processing plant shall immediately report to enforcement personnel of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department when meat has been left for more than forty-five (45) days at the meat processing plant and when the meat has not been picked up as provided in this regulation.

**Section 5. Disposal of Abandoned Meat.** Disposal of abandoned meat from big game or game birds shall be as set forth in W.S. §23-3-303(c).

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