

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2028**

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

A BILL for an Act to create and enact chapters 4.1-25, 4.1-27, 4.1-28, 4.1-30, 4.1-31, 4.1-32, 4.1-41, and 4.1-53 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to revisions of agriculture laws regarding dairy products regulation, livestock auction markets, satellite video livestock auction markets, the purchase of livestock by packing plants, meat inspection, rendering plants, commercial feed laws, and livestock medicine; to amend and reenact sections 23-01-25, 36-21-01, 36-21-10, 36-21-11, 36-21-12, 36-21-13, 36-21-15, 36-21-18, and 36-21-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to general livestock provisions; to repeal chapters 19-13.1, 19-14, 36-05, 36-05.1, 36-06, 36-07, section 36-21-05, and chapter 36-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to commercial feed laws, livestock medicine, livestock auction markets, satellite video livestock auction markets, the purchase of livestock by packing plants, rendering plants, general livestock provisions, and meat inspection; and to provide a penalty.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 4.1-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**4.1-25-01. Definitions.**

1. "Cheese factory" means a facility that makes cheese for commercial purposes.
2. "Commissioner" means the agriculture commissioner or the commissioner's designee.
3. "Condensery" means a facility where condensed or evaporated milk is produced.
4. "Dairy animal" means any mammal maintained for the commercial production of milk to be offered for sale for use in the processing or manufacturing of milk or dairy products.
5. "Dairy farm" means a place where one or more dairy animals are kept.
6. "Dairy product" includes milk, cream, sour cream, butter cream, skimmed milk, ice cream, whipped cream, flavored milk or skim milk drink, dried or powdered milk,

1 cheese, cream cheese, cottage cheese, creamed cottage cheese, ice cream mix,  
2 sherbet, condensed milk, evaporated milk, or concentrated milk.

3 7. "Department" means the department of agriculture.

4 8. "Distributor" means a person that provides storage, transportation, delivery, or  
5 distribution of dairy products to any person who sells dairy products.

6 9. "Drying plant" means a facility that manufactures dry milk products by removing water  
7 from milk or milk products.

8 10. "Filled dairy products" means any milk, cream, or skimmed milk, or any combination of  
9 them, whether or not condensed, evaporated, concentrated, frozen, powdered, dried,  
10 or desiccated, or any food product made or manufactured from those products, to  
11 which has been added, blended, or compounded with, any fat or oil, other than milk  
12 fat, to imitate a dairy product. "Filled dairy products" may not be construed to mean or  
13 include:

14 a. Any distinctive proprietary food compound not readily mistaken for a dairy  
15 product, if the compound is customarily used on the order of a physician and is  
16 prepared and designed for medicinal or special dietary use and prominently so  
17 labeled;

18 b. Any dairy product flavored with chocolate or cocoa or the vitamin content of  
19 which has been increased, or both, if the fats or oils other than milk fat contained  
20 in the product do not exceed the amount of cacao fat naturally present in the  
21 chocolate or cocoa used and the food oil, not in excess of one-hundredth per  
22 centum of the weight of the finished product, used as a carrier of such vitamins;  
23 or

24 c. Margarine.

25 11. "Grading" means the examination of milk or milk products by sight, odor, taste, or  
26 laboratory analysis, the results of which determine a rating of the quality of the  
27 product.

28 12. "Ice cream plant" means a facility that makes ice cream for commercial purposes.

29 13. "Ice milk plant" means a facility that makes ice milk for commercial purposes.

30 14. "Imitation milk" or "imitation milk product" means a food product or food compound  
31 made to resemble milk or a milk product when any of the following occurs:

- 1           a. The food physically resembles milk or a milk product. "Physical resemblance"  
2           means those characteristics relating to the composition of food, including fat and  
3           moisture content, nonfat solids content, and functional ingredient or food additive  
4           content such as emulsifiers, stabilizers, flavor, or color additives.
- 5           b. The packaging used resembles the packaging used for milk or for a milk product.  
6           c. The food product or food compound is displayed in a retail establishment in the  
7           same manner as milk or a milk product.
- 8           d. Verbal or pictorial expressions are used on the food products or food compounds,  
9           labeling, or in advertisements or other similar devices used to promote the food  
10          products or food compounds that state or imply that the food is milk or a milk  
11          product.
- 12          e. The food product or food compound in any other way is manufactured, packaged,  
13          or labeled so as to resemble the identity, intended use, or physical and sensory  
14          properties of milk or a milk product. "Physical and sensory properties" means  
15          those characteristics relating to flavor, texture, smell, and appearance of a food  
16          product or food compound.
- 17      15. "Milk hauler" means a person that owns vehicles used to transport raw milk from a  
18          dairy farm to a dairy facility.
- 19      16. "Milk plant or bottling plant" means a facility where milk or milk products are collected,  
20          handled, processed, stored, and prepared for distribution.
- 21      17. "Milk solids or total solids" means the total amount of solids in milk.
- 22      18. a. "Pasteurization" as applied to milk or skim milk means either:  
23           (1) The process of heating every particle of milk to at least one hundred  
24           forty-five degrees Fahrenheit [62.78 degrees Celsius] and cream and other  
25           milk products to at least one hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit [65.55  
26           degrees Celsius], and holding it at that temperature continuously for at least  
27           thirty minutes; or
- 28           (2) Heating every particle of milk to at least one hundred sixty-one degrees  
29           Fahrenheit [71.67 degrees Celsius] and cream and other milk products to at  
30           least one hundred sixty-six degrees Fahrenheit [74.44 degrees Celsius].

and holding it at that temperature continuously for at least fifteen seconds in  
approved and properly operated equipment.

b. When applied to cream for butter making, "pasteurization" means the cream must  
be held at a temperature of not less than one hundred sixty-five degrees  
Fahrenheit [73.89 degrees Celsius] for at least thirty minutes or not less than one  
hundred eighty-five degrees Fahrenheit [85.00 degrees Celsius] for at least  
fifteen seconds.

c. This subsection may not be construed as barring any other process that has  
been demonstrated to be equally efficient which assures proper pasteurization  
and keeping quality, which is consistent with the most desirable quality, and  
which is approved by the commissioner.

19. "Pasteurized Milk Ordinance" means the 2013 revision of the Grade "A" Pasteurized  
Ordinance issued by the United States food and drug administration and by the United  
States department of agriculture's public health service.

20. "Peddler" means a person that purchases milk or milk products and sells the milk or  
milk products directly to consumers at any place other than from a store, stand, or  
other fixed place of business.

21. "Person" means individuals, firms, partnerships, associations, trusts, estates,  
corporations, and limited liability companies, and any and all other business units,  
devices, or arrangements.

22. "Processing or manufacturing" means the treatment of milk or milk products by  
pasteurizing, bottling, churning, adding flavors to, freezing, dehydrating, packaging,  
coagulating, or treating in any manner that changes the natural, physical, or chemical  
properties of the original product.

23. "Producer dairy" means a dairy farm that sells milk or cream to a dairy plant for  
processing or manufacturing.

24. "Producer-processor" or "producer-distributor" means a producer that is also a  
processor or distributor.

25. "Raw milk or raw milk products" means products that have not been treated by the  
process of pasteurization.

26. "Retail" means the sale of milk or milk products directly to the consumer.

- 1        27. "Sampler" means a person, other than a milk producer or dairy plant employee, who  
2        transports samples for official use of raw milk or milk products from a dairy farm to a  
3        dairy facility.
- 4        28. "Sampling" means a procedure taking a portion of milk or milk products for grading or  
5        testing.
- 6        29. "Shared animal ownership agreement" means any contractual arrangement under  
7        which an individual:
- 8            a. Acquires an ownership interest in a milk-producing animal;  
9            b. Agrees to pay another for, reimburse another for, or otherwise accept financial  
10          responsibility for the care and boarding of the milk-producing animal at the dairy  
11          farm; and
- 12          c. Is entitled to receive a proportionate share of the animal's raw milk production as  
13          a condition of the contractual arrangement.
- 14        30. "Skim milk solids or solids-not-fat" means the total solids in milk after all fat has been  
15        removed.
- 16        31. "Standard Methods" means the seventeenth edition of the Standard Methods for the  
17        Examination of Dairy Products published by the American public health association.
- 18        32. "Testing" means an examination of milk or milk products by sight, odor, taste, or  
19        laboratory analysis to determine the quality, wholesomeness, or composition of the  
20        product.
- 21        33. "Wholesale" means the sale of milk or milk products to a retail dealer for resale.

22        **4.1-25-02. Licenses required - Fees - Term.**

- 23            1. The license required by this section must be obtained for each place of business in  
24            this state owned or operated by:
- 25            a. A producer-processor, peddler, or distributor;  
26            b. A person purchasing milk or milk products for processing or manufacturing;  
27            c. A person owning, operating, or leasing a creamery, cheese factory, condensery,  
28            drying plant, ice cream plant, ice milk plant, or milk plant;  
29            d. A person owning, operating, or leasing any other business engaged in the  
30            processing or manufacturing of milk or milk products; and

1           e. An organization acquiring milk or milk products on its own behalf or as an agent  
2           of others.

3       2. Application for a license must be made to the commissioner upon forms prescribed by  
4       the commissioner. An application for a license constitutes the implied consent of the  
5       applicant for department inspections. If the commissioner finds the applicant conforms  
6       to the North Dakota laws and the rules of the commissioner, the commissioner shall  
7       issue a license to conduct the operations listed on the license.

8       3. If a licensee wishes to conduct operations other than those listed on an existing  
9       license, the licensee may make an application to the commissioner for a license to  
10      conduct additional operations. If the commissioner finds the additional operations are  
11      in conformance with North Dakota laws and the rules of the commissioner, the  
12      commissioner shall approve them.

13      4. The license must be posted conspicuously in each licensed business.

14      5. All licenses issued under this section expire on the thirtieth day of June of each year  
15      and are not transferable.

16      6. The license fee is twenty-five dollars.

17      7. Every organization acquiring milk or milk products as an agent of others is deemed to  
18      be a purchaser of milk from a dairy producer.

19      **4.1-25-03. Financial records release authorization with application for licensure.**

20      A purchaser of milk in North Dakota shall file with the license application a release  
21      authorizing the commissioner to access the applicant's financial records held by financial  
22      institutions, accountants, and others. The release must be in a form approved by the  
23      commissioner. The commissioner may use the release in the course of licensing or relicensing  
24      the applicant, conducting an investigation of a complaint against the applicant due to a  
25      complaint, or when evidence is obtained establishing probable cause of a violation of this  
26      chapter. Information gained through the use of a release is confidential. The commissioner may  
27      furnish information obtained through the use of the records release to any state agency and to  
28      any prosecutorial official requiring the information for use in performing official duties.

1       **4.1-25-04. Financial condition - Assurance of prompt payment.**

2       Each applicant for a license under section 4.1-25-02 who intends to purchase milk from  
3 dairy producers shall satisfy the department that the financial condition of the applicant is  
4 adequate to assure prompt payment to the dairy producers for purchased milk.

5       **4.1-25-05. Statement of business operations or financial condition - Filing - Review by**  
6 **Bank of North Dakota - Confidential - Audited.**

7       Each applicant for a license under section 4.1-25-02 who purchases milk from a dairy  
8 producer annually shall file with the department an audited financial statement prepared by an  
9 independent certified public accountant or licensed public accountant in accordance with  
10 generally accepted accounting practices and principles, verified by the accountant as accurately  
11 representing business operations and financial conditions of the applicant for which the  
12 statement is rendered, prepared as of the close of the most recent fiscal year of the applicant.  
13 In lieu of filing an audited financial statement, an applicant may file other forms of security as  
14 provided in section 4.1-25-06. All audited financial statements must be reviewed by the Bank of  
15 North Dakota. All statements under this section are confidential and not open for public  
16 inspection. The department may require additional statements to be audited by a certified public  
17 accountant or a licensed public accountant.

18       **4.1-25-06. Surety bond, trustee agreement, or other security or assurances.**

19       If it appears the financial condition of any applicant or licensee who purchases milk from a  
20 dairy producer is not adequate to reasonably assure payment to dairy producers when due for  
21 the milk to be purchased, or in lieu of annually filing with the department an audited financial  
22 statement as required in section 4.1-25-05, the department shall require from an applicant or  
23 licensee security or other assurances in one of the following forms:

- 24       1. The filing of a surety bond acceptable to the department. The amount of the surety  
25 bond must be determined on the basis of average purchases of milk from dairy  
26 producers during the previous year. If payment for milk purchased from dairy  
27 producers is made on a weekly basis, the amount of the surety bond must be at least  
28 in an amount equal to the average weekly purchases of milk. If payment for milk  
29 purchased from dairy producers is made on a semimonthly basis, the amount of the  
30 surety bond must be at least in an amount equal to the average semimonthly  
31 purchases of milk. If the period of payment for milk purchased from dairy producers is

1 made on a basis involving periods of time greater than semimonthly, the amount of the  
2 surety bond must be at least in an amount equal to the average purchases of milk for  
3 that greater period of time. The amount of the bond for each period of payment must  
4 also include an amount equal to at least the average purchases for three days  
5 following the close of the period of payment. The amount of the surety bond of any  
6 licensee who pays assignments to creditors of a producer of milk at a lesser frequency  
7 than the licensee pays the producer must also include an amount equal to the value of  
8 assignments from the prior payment period. The commissioner must be named as  
9 obligee, but the bond or draft must be held for the purpose of protecting, and for the  
10 benefit of, any dairy producer, and the full and complete payment to that dairy  
11 producer for all milk purchased by the licensee. The aggregate liability of the bonding  
12 company or the department to all dairy producers may not exceed the amount of the  
13 bond.

14 2. Providing an amount of protection for dairy producers equal to the amount of  
15 protection provided in subsection 1. The security must be held by the department  
16 solely for the protection of dairy producers, in one or more of the following forms:  
17 a. Cash deposited with a bank or trust company and held under an escrow  
18 agreement with the department;  
19 b. Bonds of the United States deposited with the department;  
20 c. Stocks, bonds, or other marketable securities at current market values, which  
21 have regularly reported quotations, deposited with the department; or  
22 d. A certified bank draft, certified check, irrevocable letter of credit, or certificate of  
23 deposit held in favor of the department.

24 3. The filing of an agreement providing complete control over all manufactured or  
25 processed milk and dairy products by a trustee to be selected at least annually by the  
26 dairy producers. The trustee shall file a trustee's bond and contracts signed by the  
27 owner or operator and the purchaser of the dairy products requiring that payment for  
28 all dairy products sold be made to the trustee. The trustee shall maintain a separate  
29 bank account for that purpose and at least annually shall render a true and correct  
30 account of trustee dealings to the department and to the dairy producers.



1       **4.1-25-07. Financial basis for license - Statement to producer - Notification to**  
2 **department.**

3       All milk purchasers licensed under section 4.1-25-02 shall inform producers of the financial  
4 basis on which the license was issued, including the type and amount of security, if any, filed  
5 under section 4.1-25-06, by an annual written statement to each producer. A person may not  
6 receive milk that will increase the amount due and accrued beyond the amount represented as  
7 a basis for the issuance of a license without first notifying the department.

8       **4.1-25-08. Additional security.**

9       When the department determines the value of milk purchased or received from producers  
10 has increased or an increase reasonably may be anticipated, so the total amount of security  
11 does not comply with the amount required by subsection 1 or 2 of section 4.1-25-06, the  
12 department shall require additional security to afford producers the protection intended by  
13 section 4.1-25-06. The department may suspend or revoke any license if the licensee fails to  
14 provide the additional security required by the department under this section.

15       **4.1-25-09. Filing of security before license year.**

16       An applicant or licensee shall file bonds or other security for the license year with the  
17 department by the first day of June immediately preceding the beginning of each license year. If  
18 an applicant or licensee fails to file a surety bond or other security by July first of the license  
19 year and has not been relieved from filing a surety bond or other security, the department shall  
20 notify producers that the applicant or licensee has not filed any security or made other  
21 provisions for assuring payments for milk purchases for the license year.

22       **4.1-25-10. Failure to file security - Notice to producers.**

23       1. If an applicant or licensee fails to file a surety bond or other security within the time  
24 fixed by section 4.1-25-09 or fails to comply with a demand for additional security, the  
25 department shall publish in newspapers having circulation in the areas where the  
26 producers whose milk is sold or delivered to the applicant or licensee reside, a notice  
27 stating:

28       a. The department made a demand for additional security from the applicant or  
29 licensee;

30       b. The applicant or licensee has failed to comply;

1           c. The department does not have on file a surety bond or other security as  
2           demanded; and

3           d. Adequate security to protect producers may not be available to them.

4        2. In addition to a published notice to producers, the department shall send, by registered  
5        mail, a copy of the notice to each producer delivering milk to the applicant or licensee  
6        as determined from available records. The notice must be addressed to the producer's  
7        last-known address.

8        **4.1-25-11. Out-of-state dealers, processors, or producers not exempt.**

9        Sections 4.1-25-04 through 4.1-25-13 apply to all milk purchasers licensed under section  
10       4.1-25-02 doing business in this state. The protection to producers afforded by sections  
11       4.1-25-04 through 4.1-25-13 is available to the producers of any state selling milk to any  
12       licensee licensed under section 4.1-25-02, but the surety bond or other security required by  
13       sections 4.1-25-06 and 4.1-25-08 is payable only for the benefit of producers who are located  
14       within this state.

15       **4.1-25-12. Entry, inspection, and investigation.**

16       Authorized representatives of the department may enter, at reasonable hours, places of  
17       business where a licensee or license applicant maintains books, papers, accounts, records, or  
18       other documents related to the production, storage, processing, manufacturing, or sale of dairy  
19       products. The commissioner may subpoena, and the commissioner's authorized representative  
20       may inspect, audit, and make copies of relevant books, papers, records, accounts, or other  
21       documents of persons doing business with licensees. Any information gained by the department  
22       or by the commissioner under this section is confidential and may be used only for the  
23       administration of this chapter. The department or the commissioner may divulge the information  
24       when testifying in any departmental administrative hearing, in a duly noticed proceeding before  
25       the milk marketing board, or in any court proceeding in which the department or the  
26       commissioner is a party. This chapter does not prevent the department or the commissioner  
27       from using the information to compile or disseminate general statistical data so long as the data  
28       does not reveal individual information for any licensee or license applicant.

29       The commissioner may subpoena and take the testimony under oath of persons believed  
30       by the commissioner to have information needed in administering and enforcing this chapter.

1       **4.1-25-13. Records and reports.**

2       Licensees shall maintain the records the commissioner deems necessary to assure the  
3 financial condition of the licensee is adequate to assure prompt payment to producers.

4       **4.1-25-14. Department to become trustee upon default in required security.**

5       If a licensee defaults on any of the required security provisions, the licensee is deemed to  
6 be insolvent for purposes of this chapter. The claim for relief for damages and the amount  
7 recovered in any action for the conversion of milk or milk products, purchased by the licensee  
8 while the license is in effect, and the assets of the licensee not subjected to any claim in federal  
9 bankruptcy court by a secured or general creditor within four months of the appointment of the  
10 department as trustee under this chapter, constitute a trust fund in the hands of the department  
11 for all persons having a claim for relief against the licensee on the required security.

12       **4.1-25-15. Application by department for appointment of trustee - Hearing -**  
13 **Appointment.**

14       Upon the insolvency of a licensee as defined in section 4.1-25-14, the department shall  
15 apply to the district court of the county in which the licensee maintains its principal place of  
16 business for the appointment of the department as trustee. Upon notice to the licensee as the  
17 court prescribes, but not exceeding ten days, or upon waiver of such notice in writing by the  
18 licensee, the court shall proceed to hear and determine the application. If it appears to the court  
19 the licensee is insolvent within the meaning of this chapter and it is in the best interest of  
20 persons holding claims against the licensee that the department execute the trust, the court  
21 shall issue an order appointing the department as a trustee, without bond, and the department  
22 shall proceed in the manner set out in this chapter without further direction from the court.

23       **4.1-25-16. Notice to file claims - When claims barred.**

24       The department, as trustee, shall notify all persons having claims against the licensee  
25 personally by certified mail to file the claims with the department. Any person who fails to file a  
26 claim with the department and to surrender any receipts obtained from the licensee within thirty  
27 days after receiving notice is barred from pursuing the claim in any fund marshalled by the  
28 department as prescribed in this chapter. The department may proceed as prescribed by law  
29 when all producers have responded to the notification.

1       **4.1-25-17. Remedy of claimants - Separate action by claimant permissible.**

2       A claimant has no separate claim for relief against the required security of a licensee unless  
3 the department fails or refuses to apply for appointment as trustee under this chapter. Any  
4 claimant, either independently or in conjunction with other claimants, may pursue concurrently  
5 with the department any other remedy the claimant or claimants may have against the licensee,  
6 or against the property of the licensee, for the whole of their claim or claims or for any  
7 deficiency that occurs after payments have been made from the trust fund.

8       **4.1-25-18. Appeal or compromising of action by department.**

9       The department may prosecute an action for any claims arising under this chapter in any  
10 court, may appeal from any adverse judgment to the courts of last resort, and may settle and  
11 compromise the action whenever it is in the best interests of the claimants. Upon payment to  
12 the department of the amount of any compromise, or of the full amount of any required security,  
13 the department may exonerate the person compromising or paying from further liability growing  
14 out of the action.

15       **4.1-25-19. Claims collections to be deposited in Bank of North Dakota.**

16       All money collected and received by the department as trustee must be deposited in the  
17 Bank of North Dakota.

18       **4.1-25-20. Trust fund report - Notice to claimants - Approving or modifying report.**

19       Upon recovery of the trust fund, or so much as is possible to recover, or as is necessary to  
20 pay all outstanding claims, the department shall file a report in court showing the amount  
21 payable upon each claim, after recognizing any proper liens, pledges, assignments, or  
22 deductions with legal interest. If the fund proves insufficient to redeem all claims in full, the fund  
23 must be prorated among the claimants in a manner the department deems fair and equitable.  
24 Once the report is received from the department, the court shall notify all claimants by mail to  
25 appear on a day fixed in the notice and show cause why the report should not be approved and  
26 the funds distributed as outlined in the report. Upon such hearing the court shall approve or  
27 modify the report as justice may require and shall issue an order directing the distribution of the  
28 fund and discharging the department as trustee.

1       **4.1-25-21. Attorney general to represent department and may employ assistants -**  
2       **Department need not pay court costs.**

3       The attorney general shall represent the department in any action or proceeding brought  
4       under section 4.1-25-14, and may employ outside legal assistance when necessary. The  
5       attorney general may deduct the expense of retaining outside legal assistance from the trust  
6       fund. The department is not required to pay any filing fee or other court cost or disbursement in  
7       connection with an application for appointment as trustee or with any action brought under  
8       section 4.1-25-14 when the fee, cost, or disbursement accrues to the state or to a county of the  
9       state.

10       **4.1-25-22. License needed to sample, haul, or test - Training - Examination - Term -**  
11       **Fee.**

12       A person may not sample, haul, or test milk or milk products for the purpose of determining  
13       the value or grade without obtaining a license from the department. In case of illness or  
14       necessary absence, a licensee may appoint a substitute for a period not to exceed six days in  
15       one calendar year, unless specific approval for a longer period is obtained from the  
16       commissioner. The licensee is responsible for the acts of the substitute. An applicant shall file  
17       an application with the department stating the type of sampling, hauling, or testing for which the  
18       applicant wishes to be licensed. Before a license is issued, the applicant shall receive training in  
19       the sampling of milk or milk products as may be required by the department, and shall pass a  
20       written examination prepared and administered by the department. The applicant must show  
21       knowledge of the requirements of this chapter and must prove by actual demonstration that the  
22       applicant is competent and qualified to perform each type of sampling and testing listed on the  
23       application. The commissioner shall issue a license which states the types of sampling, hauling,  
24       or testing for which the applicant is qualified. Additions may be added to the application form  
25       and license, without charge, after the license has been issued, upon the request of the licensee,  
26       after receiving additional training and passing the required examinations. Examinations must be  
27       given by the department at times and places as the department shall determine. A licensee is  
28       not required to take additional examinations when renewing a license unless required by the  
29       commissioner. All testers and samplers shall attend a training session sponsored by the  
30       department every two years. Retraining or retesting or both may be required when the  
31       commissioner reasonably determines it to be necessary. Licenses issued under this section

1 expire on December thirtieth of each year. Testers' licenses must be posted conspicuously in  
2 the licensee's place of operation, and are not transferable. Samplers' licenses must be carried  
3 by the sampler at all times during sampling activities and are not transferable. The annual  
4 license fee is ten dollars. A five dollar penalty fee is applied if renewals are not paid by January  
5 thirty-first.

6 **4.1-25-23. Commissioner to investigate complaint.**

7 The commissioner shall investigate any complaint claiming any provision of this chapter or  
8 the rules of the commissioner have been violated. If the commissioner finds a provision of this  
9 chapter or the rules of the commissioner have been violated, the commissioner may take any  
10 action deemed appropriate.

11 **4.1-25-24. Inspections.**

12 Upon notification, the commissioner shall have free access to all places of business,  
13 buildings, vehicles, and equipment used in the production, storage, handling, processing,  
14 manufacturing, transporting, and marketing of milk and milk products, and their substitutes. The  
15 commissioner may open and inspect any container suspected of containing a substance  
16 produced, stored, handled, processed, manufactured, transported, sold, or offered for sale  
17 under the provisions of this chapter. It is a violation of this chapter to refuse to allow inspections  
18 of any dairy facilities licensed under this chapter. The commissioner may suspend a license for  
19 failure to comply with this section.

20 **4.1-25-25. Suspension or revocation of license - Judicial review - Emergency order.**

21 Any proceedings under this chapter for the suspension or revocation of a license, or to  
22 determine compliance with this chapter or the rules and orders of the commissioner, must be  
23 conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 28-32 and appeals may be made as  
24 provided. When an emergency exists requiring immediate action to protect the public health and  
25 safety, without notice or hearing, the commissioner may issue an order reciting the existence of  
26 the emergency and requiring action be taken to protect the public health and safety.  
27 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the order is effective immediately, but on  
28 application to the department an interested person must be afforded a hearing before the  
29 department within ten days. On the basis of the hearing, the emergency order must be  
30 continued, modified, or revoked within thirty days after the hearing.

1       **4.1-25-26. Sampling and testing procedures - Equipment - Supplies.**

2       The laboratory procedures, equipment, chemicals, and other apparatus or substances used  
3 in the sampling, hauling, or testing of milk or milk products must conform to those described in  
4 the Standard Methods, a copy of which must be kept on file in the department. Any equipment,  
5 chemicals, or other apparatus or substance used in the sampling, hauling, or testing of milk or  
6 milk products not conforming to the requirements of this chapter may not be sold or offered for  
7 sale. The commissioner, through the adoption of rules, may alter, amend, or prohibit any  
8 specific requirement of this section and may approve other sampling, hauling, or testing  
9 procedures or equipment. The commissioner, when appropriate, may check calibration of farm  
10 bulk milk tanks and equipment.

11       **4.1-25-27. Sampling of milk.**

12       Every purchaser of milk from a dairy producer shall collect a minimum sample of two  
13 ounces [59.15 milliliters] from each bulk tank of milk received from a producer. Samples must  
14 be collected and maintained in accordance with those procedures contained in the Standard  
15 Methods. Records must be kept, which readily identify the sample, with those items used to  
16 determine payment for the milk. Those items must include weight, butterfat content, protein,  
17 solids-not-fat, and the total amount of money paid for the milk.

18       **4.1-25-28. Standards for the production of manufacturing grade milk - Minimum**  
19 **standards of rules.**

20       At a minimum, rules governing the production and processing of milk for manufactured dairy  
21 products must comply with United States department of agriculture minimum standards for  
22 manufacturing grade dairy products.

23       **4.1-25-29. Standards for dairy manufacturing or processing - Minimum standards of**  
24 **rules.**

25       At a minimum, rules governing the approval of dairy processing and manufacturing plants  
26 and standards for grades of dairy products must comply with United States department of  
27 agriculture general specifications for approved dairy plants and standards for grades of dairy  
28 products. A plant may not be operated or any dairy products sold in violation of these rules.

29       **4.1-25-30. Standards for grade A milk and milk products - Adoption of rules.**

30       Only grade A milk may be sold as a fluid beverage for human consumption. The minimum  
31 standards for milk and milk products designated as grade A are the same as the minimum

requirements of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance which includes provisions from the "Grade A Condensed and Dry Milk Products and Condensed and Dry Whey - Supplement 1 to the Grade A PMO". The commissioner may adopt rules imposing other standards in the interest of public safety, wholesomeness of product, consumer interest, sanitation, good supply, saleability, and promotion of grade A milk and milk products.

**4.1-25-31. State milk sanitation rating and sampling surveillance officer - Duties - Guidelines.**

The state milk sanitation rating and sampling surveillance officer is responsible for the rating and certification of milk and dairy products. The rating and certification of milk and dairy products must be in accordance with the procedures outlined in the public health service food and drug administration publication entitled "Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings of Milk Shippers - 2013 Revision, Edition" and the sampling of milk and dairy products must be in accordance with the guidelines in the Standard Methods.

**4.1-25-32. Milk laboratory evaluations officer - Duties - Guidelines.**

The milk laboratory evaluations officer is responsible for the certification and evaluation of milk and dairy products laboratories within the state. Evaluations and certification of milk laboratories must be made in accordance with the Standard Methods and the procedures outlined in the public health service food and drug administration publication entitled "Evaluation of Milk Laboratories - 2013 Edition".

**4.1-25-33. Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance.**

Dairy producers, processors, and manufacturers shall comply with the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance and follow the standards set by the "Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments, 2013 Revision".

**4.1-25-34. Quality records to be kept - Term.**

Adequate records for testing and grading in conformance with this chapter and the rules of the commissioner must be kept by each business sampling or testing milk for at least twelve months in a manner approved by the commissioner.

**4.1-25-35. Milk haulers - License required - Commissioner to adopt rules.**

A person may not own or operate any tank truck, bulk milk truck, or other vehicle used or designed to carry bulk raw milk without a license issued by the department. The commissioner



1 shall adopt rules governing the operation, inspection, design, and licensure of such persons.

2 The license of any person operating a vehicle in violation of this section or the rules of the  
3 commissioner is subject to revocation or suspension in accordance with procedure established  
4 by law. A license to haul milk issued under this section may be issued in conjunction with or as  
5 part of any license to sample or test milk or milk products issued pursuant to section 4.1-25-22.

6 **4.1-25-36. Adulterated, impure, or unwholesome milk or milk products not to be**  
7 **transported, stored, sold, or offered for sale.**

8 Any milk or milk products produced or kept under unclean or unsanitary conditions or;  
9 produced from animals that are diseased or fed unwholesome, impure, or toxic feed; or milk  
10 that tastes from colostrum, must be deemed impure and unwholesome. Milk or milk product that  
11 is deemed to be adulterated, impure, or unwholesome may not be transported, stored, sold, or  
12 offered for sale in this state.

13 **4.1-25-37. Sale of milk or milk products in violation of this chapter prohibited.**

14 A person may not sell, or offer for sale, any milk or milk product, their imitations or  
15 substitutes, that is produced, processed, manufactured, transported, or stored, in violation of  
16 the laws of this state or the rules of the commissioner, or which do not subscribe to the  
17 definition as stated in this chapter or defined by the commissioner.

18 **4.1-25-38. Exception for uses as directed by physicians.**

19 This chapter does not prohibit the manufacture or sale of filled dairy products or imitation  
20 milk and imitation milk products when those products are prominently labeled to show their  
21 composition and the fact the products are sold customarily for use as directed by order of a  
22 physician and are prepared and designed for medicinal or special dietary use.

23 **4.1-25-39. Sale of foods not imitation milk, imitation milk products, or filled dairy**  
24 **products.**

25 This chapter does not prohibit the manufacture or sale of proprietary foods that are clearly  
26 not imitation milk, imitation milk products, or filled dairy products; which do not contain imitation  
27 milk, imitation milk product, or filled dairy product; and which are not conducive to substitution,  
28 confusion, deception, and fraud upon the purchasers of milk, milk products, or filled dairy  
29 products by their manufacture or sale.

1       **4.1-25-40. Shared animal ownership agreement - Raw milk.**

2       It is not a violation of this chapter to transfer or obtain raw milk under a shared animal  
3 ownership agreement. A person may not resell raw milk or raw milk products obtained under a  
4 shared animal ownership agreement.

5       **4.1-25-41. Labeling and identity standards.**

6       A person who sells milk or milk products at retail in the state shall comply with the labeling  
7 standards and standards of identity set forth in 21 U.S.C. 343(q)(r) and in rules adopted by the  
8 commissioner.

9       **4.1-25-42. Reports - Blanks - When made - Contents.**

10       The commissioner shall furnish blanks to all licensed creameries, cheese factories,  
11 condenseries, drying plants, ice cream plants, ice milk plants, milk plants, and  
12 producer-distributors for the purpose of making a report of the amount of milk and milk products  
13 handled. Each proprietor or manager of those businesses shall report to the commissioner on  
14 the last days of June and of December of each year, or immediately upon cessation of  
15 operation, the pounds [kilograms] of butterfat in cream, the pounds [kilograms] of manufacturing  
16 grade milk, and the pounds [kilograms] of bottling milk purchased during the period covered by  
17 the report, the aggregate amount paid for each, the number of pounds [kilograms] of butter and  
18 cheese, and the number of gallons [liters] of ice cream and ice milk manufactured during such  
19 period.

20       **4.1-25-43. Test results disputes.**

21       If a disagreement between a seller and a buyer or the legal representatives of both or either  
22 arises over the percentage of butterfat contained in any quantity of milk sold or offered for sale  
23 at the request of the owner and in the owner's presence, a sample of the milk obtained as  
24 provided in section 4.1-25-27 and mutually agreed upon by the interested parties as being a  
25 representative sample must be sealed and mailed by the buyer to the office of the  
26 commissioner. Each sample mailed to the commissioner must include a statement giving the  
27 name and address of the seller and the buyer of the milk in question, the net weight, the  
28 percentage and amount of butterfat contained, the price per pound [.45 kilogram] for butterfat,  
29 and the amount of money paid or offered in payment for the same and bearing the signature of  
30 the seller and the buyer. The commissioner shall determine the percentage of butterfat  
31 contained in the sample and shall report of the result in triplicate, the original to be filed in the

1 commissioner's office, one copy to be sent to the seller, and one to the buyer of the milk. The  
2 percentage of butterfat determined and reported constitutes the "official butterfat test" and is the  
3 basis on which final settlement must be made. The fee for the official butterfat test and any  
4 other tests required must be in an amount as set by rule of the commissioner, considering the  
5 actual costs of the test, and the fee must be mailed to the commissioner at the time of  
6 forwarding the sample for the official butterfat or other test.

7 **4.1-25-44. Test sample disputes.**

8 If the buyer and seller do not agree upon a sample of milk as provided in section 4.1-25-43,  
9 the party selling or offering for sale that milk may require that the buyer or prospective buyer to  
10 forward the sample taken to the department in compliance with section 4.1-25-27. Each sample  
11 so forwarded must include an affidavit from the buyer or prospective buyer, stating that the  
12 sample was taken in compliance with the provisions of section 4.1-25-27, and the statement  
13 must contain all information required in section 4.1-25-43, except that the signature of the seller  
14 is not required. Each sample must be tested and reported on as prescribed in section  
15 4.1-25-43, and the percentage of butterfat determined and reported constitutes the "official  
16 butterfat test" and is the basis on which final settlement must be made.

17 **4.1-25-45. Standards considered minimum - Municipality may provide more stringent**  
18 **standards.**

19 The standards in this chapter constitute only minimum standards. This chapter may not be  
20 construed to prevent any municipality from providing, by ordinance, more stringent or  
21 comprehensive standards than are contained within this chapter. Neither this chapter nor in the  
22 rules of the commissioner may be construed to prevent any person concerned with the dairy  
23 business from using standards, inspections, or other practices or procedures that are more  
24 stringent or comprehensive.

25 **4.1-25-46. Fees and penalties collected to be placed in general fund.**

26 All fees and penalties collected under this chapter must be deposited with the state  
27 treasurer and credited to the general fund.

28 **4.1-25-47. Disposal of illegal milk or milk products - Seizure.**

29 Any milk or cream offered for sale in violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules of  
30 the commissioner must be colored with a harmless food coloring and returned to the seller. In  
31 addition, any milk or milk product that is in violation of any provision of this chapter or the rules

1 of the commissioner may be seized or ordered held by the commissioner and must be disposed  
2 of as any other illegal food or drug as provided in chapter 19-02.1.

3 **4.1-25-48. Penalty for violation of chapter - Additional civil penalty - Failure to pay**  
4 **civil penalty.**

5 A person violating any provision of this chapter or any rule or order of the commissioner, for  
6 which another criminal penalty is not specifically provided is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. In  
7 addition, a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars per day for each violation or  
8 continuing violation may be imposed. The civil penalty may be imposed by the courts in a civil  
9 proceeding or by the commissioner through an administrative hearing under chapter 28-32. If a  
10 civil penalty is imposed by the commissioner through an administrative hearing and the civil  
11 penalty is not paid, the commissioner may collect the civil penalty by a civil proceeding in any  
12 appropriate court. The commissioner may suspend or revoke a license issued under this  
13 chapter for failure to pay a civil penalty within thirty days after a final determination is made that  
14 the civil penalty is owed. The commissioner may refuse to renew or issue a license if the  
15 licensee or license applicant has repeatedly violated the provisions of this chapter or rules or  
16 orders of the commissioner.

17 **4.1-25-49. State's attorney's endorsement to complaint unnecessary upon violation of**  
18 **chapter.**

19 A complaint made for a violation of this chapter does not require the endorsement of the  
20 state's attorney, but when the court hearing a complaint made is satisfied of the truthfulness of  
21 the complaint, the court shall issue a warrant.

22 **4.1-25-50. Rules.**

23 The commissioner may adopt rules under chapter 28-32 to implement this chapter.

24 **4.1-25-51. Shared animal ownership agreement rules limitation.**

25 Notwithstanding chapter 28-32, the commissioner may not adopt any rule that restricts,  
26 limits, or imposes additional requirements on any person transferring or obtaining raw milk in  
27 accordance with the terms of a shared animal ownership agreement.

28 **4.1-25-52. Enforcement.**

29 The commissioner shall administer and supervise the enforcement of this chapter, provide  
30 for periodic inspections and investigations deemed necessary to ensure compliance with this  
31 chapter or the rules under this chapter, receive and provide for the investigation of complaints;

1 and provide for the institution and prosecution of civil or criminal actions or both. This chapter  
2 and the rules under this chapter may be enforced by injunction in any court having jurisdiction to  
3 grant injunctive relief. Filled dairy products, imitation milk, or imitation milk products, illegally  
4 held or otherwise in violation of this chapter may be seized and disposed under an appropriate  
5 court order.

6 **SECTION 2.** Chapter 4.1-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
7 follows:

8 **4.1-27-01. Definitions.**

9 In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

- 10 1. "Commissioner" means the agriculture commissioner.
- 11 2. "Livestock" means horses, mules, asses, bison, cattle, swine, sheep, farmed elk, and  
12 goats.
- 13 3. "Livestock auction market" means a place or establishment conducted or operated for  
14 compensation or profit as a public market or a private buying station, consisting of  
15 pens or other enclosures and their appurtenances; in which livestock is received, held,  
16 or kept for sale; and where that livestock is sold or offered for sale, at either public  
17 auction or private sale.

18 **4.1-27-02. Premises excluded from application of chapter.**

19 The provisions of this chapter do not apply to:

- 20 1. Any place used solely for the dispersal sale of the livestock of a farmer, dairy producer,  
21 livestock breeder, or feeder who is discontinuing the person's business.
- 22 2. The premises of any butcher, packer, or processor who receives animals exclusively  
23 for immediate slaughter.
- 24 3. Any place where any individual or duly constituted association of breeders of livestock  
25 of any class assembles and offers for sale and sells under the individual's or  
26 association's management registered livestock or breeding sires owned by the  
27 individual or members of the association if the individual or association:
  - 28 a. Assumes all responsibility of the sale;
  - 29 b. Guarantees title of the livestock; and
  - 30 c. Makes proper provision for the inspection of all animals sold.

- 1       4. Any place where a duly constituted association of breeders of livestock of any class  
2       assembles and offers for sale and sells under its management, at an annual  
3       production sale not exceeding twenty-one calendar days, livestock raised or held for at  
4       least one year by producers affiliated with the association, if the association:  
5       a. Assumes all responsibility of the sale;  
6       b. Guarantees title of the livestock; and  
7       c. Makes proper provision for the inspection of all animals sold.

8       **4.1-27-03. License requirements - Application - Fee - Commission schedule -**  
9       **Facilities.**

10       A person may not establish or operate a livestock auction market within this state without  
11       procuring a license to do so from the commissioner. The commissioner may not approve any  
12       application without written permission from the state veterinarian. An applicant for a license  
13       shall:

- 14       1. Make a written application in the form prescribed by the commissioner;  
15       2. File evidence required by the state board of animal health or the commissioner to  
16       show the person is financially responsible to operate an auction market and the  
17       person will own or control adequate facilities for the care, sorting, feeding, loading and  
18       unloading, and shipment of livestock;  
19       3. Pay to the commissioner a license fee of two hundred dollars;  
20       4. File with the commissioner a schedule of fees and commissions that will be charged to  
21       owners, sellers, or their agents. The schedule must be posted conspicuously at the  
22       auction market. The schedule may not be altered except upon notification to the  
23       commissioner. The altered schedule must be reposted upon notification to the  
24       commissioner;  
25       5. State the location where the applicant proposes to operate a livestock auction market;  
26       6. Make a complete and detailed description of the property and facilities proposed to be  
27       used in connection with the livestock auction market; and  
28       7. Make a showing of public convenience and necessity to the satisfaction of the  
29       commissioner.

**4.1-27-04. Bond to accompany application for license - Amount - Approval -  
Conditions - Exemptions.**

1. An applicant for a license to operate a livestock auction market shall file a surety bond of at least ten thousand dollars with the application for license or renewal of a license. The bond must be approved by the commissioner as to the amount, form, and surety. The commissioner must be named the obligee in the bond. The bond must be for the benefit of, and for the purpose of protecting, any person selling to or through the licensed livestock auction market, or buying livestock through or from the licensed livestock auction market or the licensee's agent. The commissioner may require an additional bond of the licensee when the commissioner deems the volume of the business of the licensee warrants the additional bond. The bond must be conditioned for:

  - a. The payment of all money received by the licensee and the operator of the livestock auction market, less reasonable expenses and agreed commissions;
  - b. The faithful performance by the licensee of the duties of a livestock auction market operator; and
  - c. The faithful performance by the licensee of all duties imposed by law relating to the purchase, sale, or holding of livestock.
2. The bond must cover the entire license period. If the commissioner is the trustee or obligee of a surety bond in which the auction market operator is the principal and is operating and is bonded under the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 [Pub. L. 67-51; 42 Stat. 159; 7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.], the commissioner may accept that bond in lieu of the one required under this section, except that the minimum bond requirements of ten thousand dollars will be continued.

**4.1-27-05. Records release required with application for licensure.**

A livestock auction market shall file with the license application a release in a form approved by the commissioner authorizing the commissioner to access financial records of the livestock auction market held by financial institutions, accountants, and other sources. The commissioner may use the release in the course of licensing or relicensing a livestock auction market or in the course of an investigation of a livestock auction market. Any information gained through the use of a release is confidential. The commissioner may furnish information obtained through the use

1 of the records release to the attorney general, other state agencies, and any prosecuting  
2 officials requiring the information for use in pursuit of official duties.

3 **4.1-27-06. Expiration and renewal of license - Fee returned upon failure to issue or**  
4 **renew license.**

5 Each license issued under this chapter expires on the thirty-first day of March following the  
6 date of issuance. Each license must be renewed annually on or before March thirty-first. The  
7 fee for a renewal license is the same as for an original license. If the commissioner does not  
8 issue a requested original license or renewal license, the fee paid must be refunded to the  
9 applicant.

10 **4.1-27-07. Investigation of auction market - Hearing to determine whether license**  
11 **should be issued or revoked.**

- 12 1. The commissioner, upon the commissioner's own motion or upon a complaint by any  
13 person, may enter an investigation of the sales and transactions of any livestock  
14 auction market and of the conditions under which the business of the livestock auction  
15 market is conducted. The commissioner may conduct a hearing to determine whether  
16 the license of any auction market should be revoked or whether the application of the  
17 owner or operator of a livestock auction market for an original or renewal license  
18 should be denied.
- 19 2. The commissioner shall conduct an investigation of an alleged violation of this chapter  
20 when:
  - 21 a. A complaint, allegation, or order to show cause, alleging an act which would  
22 constitute a violation of this chapter, is filed by the packers and stockyards  
23 administration of the United States;
  - 24 b. The commissioner has information sufficient to form a reasonable belief that a  
25 violation of this chapter has occurred; or
  - 26 c. The commissioner has received a sworn statement, affidavit, or other evidence  
27 from any person alleging a violation of this chapter.
- 28 3. The commissioner shall conduct a hearing to determine whether a violation has  
29 occurred when, pursuant to an investigation, probable cause exists that a violation of  
30 this chapter has occurred.



1       4.   The commissioner shall conduct an audit, or cause an audit to be conducted, when  
2       probable cause exists that any livestock auction market has violated any of the  
3       financial provisions of this chapter, when it reasonably appears that the liabilities of the  
4       livestock auction market exceed its assets, or when the auction market has refused to  
5       pay a proper claim without reasonable cause.

6       **4.1-27-08. Cease and desist authority.**

7       The commissioner may issue an order to cease and desist when, in the opinion of the  
8       commissioner, any auction market within the state is taking or planning any action which is or  
9       may be in violation of this chapter. If an order is granted, the commissioner shall conduct a  
10      hearing within thirty days of the issuance of the order to determine whether the actions of the  
11      person named in the order violated or would have violated this chapter. After the hearing, but  
12      not later than forty-five days after the issuance of the order, the commissioner shall revoke the  
13      order or make it permanent, as determined by the evidence.

14      **4.1-27-09. Injunctive authority.**

15      The commissioner may seek an order from the district court of Burleigh County to enjoin a  
16      prohibited act when the commissioner believes any auction market or person is violating this  
17      chapter or is pursuing a course of action which may lead to a violation of this chapter.

18      **4.1-27-10. Sanitary regulations of livestock auction market.**

19      Each livestock auction market must be maintained in a sanitary condition in accordance  
20      with this chapter. Any portion of a livestock auction market used for the handling of hogs,  
21      including all hogpens, alleys, and auction markets, must be equipped with concrete floors at  
22      least three inches [7.62 centimeters] thick. The concrete floors must be cleaned and disinfected  
23      after each sale, or in case of a continuous sale, not less than once each week or as prescribed  
24      by the state board of animal health.

25      **4.1-27-11. Scales maintained by auction market to be inspected.**

26      All scales used in the operation of a livestock auction market must be tested and inspected  
27      by the department of weights and measures as provided by law. All livestock sold by weight  
28      must be weighed on such scales, and the purchaser and seller of the livestock must be  
29      furnished with a true and correct statement of the weight.

**4.1-27-12. Records to be kept by operator of auction market - Contents - Examination  
- Report.**

1. The operator of each livestock auction market shall keep on file an accurate record of the following:
  - a. The date on which each consignment of animals was received and sold;
  - b. The name and address of the buyer and seller of the consigned animals;
  - c. The number and species of the animals received and sold; and
  - d. The marks and brands on each such animal.
2. The records, together with the gross selling price, commission, and other proper care, handling, and sales charges on each consignment of livestock must be available for inspection by the commissioner, or authorized inspectors. A copy of the information required in this section must be supplied to the owner of the livestock. All records of sales during the preceding twelve months must be kept readily accessible for immediate examination by the commissioner.

**4.1-27-13. Notice - Nonsufficient funds checks.**

A livestock auction market that receives a check for the sale of livestock which is returned unpaid with a notation that the payment has been refused because of nonsufficient funds shall notify the commissioner within two business days after receipt of the returned check.

**4.1-27-14. Inspection of livestock - Fees and rules governing.**

Before it is offered for sale, each animal that enters a livestock auction market must be inspected for health by a veterinarian licensed in this state and approved by the state board of animal health. Cattle also must be inspected for brands by a trained brand inspector, acting under rules adopted by the North Dakota stockmen's association and the state board of animal health. Veterinary inspection must include all livestock, whether it is to be moved interstate or intrastate. The veterinary inspector must be recommended by the livestock auction market and approved by the state board of animal health. The veterinarian must be a local veterinarian or a veterinarian of the vicinity, unless there is no such veterinarian available. If the livestock auction agency fails to recommend a veterinarian within a reasonable time, the board may approve a veterinarian, if qualified and willing to accept the position at the market, and provide notice to the market agency of the appointment. The services and duties of the veterinary inspector are under the supervision of the state board of animal health and the inspector must be relieved of

office when the inspector fails to perform the required services and duties. Fees for the inspection must be paid to the veterinarian by the livestock auction market company and must be in an amount agreed upon by the auction market company and the veterinarian.

**4.1-27-15. Livestock unfit for sale.**

1. Livestock may not be offered for sale or sold at any licensed public livestock auction market if the livestock has a condition including the following:

- a. Is infected with a disease that permanently renders the livestock unfit for human consumption;
- b. Has severe neoplasia;
- c. Has severe actinomycosis;
- d. Is unable to rise to its feet by itself; or
- e. Has a fractured long bone or other fractures or dislocation of a joint that renders the livestock unable to bear weight on the affected limb without the limb collapsing.

2. If, in the judgment of a veterinarian licensed in this state and approved by the state board of animal health, the livestock consigned and delivered to the premises of a livestock auction market is affected by any of the conditions described above, the veterinarian shall humanely euthanize the livestock or direct the consignor to immediately remove the livestock from the premises of the livestock auction market. All expenses incurred for euthanasia and disposal of the livestock under this section are the responsibility of the consignor. Collection of expenses is not the responsibility of the consignee.

**4.1-27-16. Treatment administered to livestock before removal from auction market - Fees for inspection and treatment.**

An operator of a livestock auction market may not permit the removal of any livestock from the establishment until the livestock has been treated in accordance with the rules adopted by the state board of animal health. If livestock is destined to be shipped interstate, the authorized veterinarian of the board shall furnish to each purchaser a certificate showing that inspection has been made and treatment administered in accordance with the requirements of the state of destination. All fees for veterinary inspection, treatment, and services, including brand

inspection, must be collected by the operator of the livestock auction market and paid to the inspector.

**4.1-27-17. Grievance committee.**

1. Any livestock auction market who has a complaint against the veterinarian assigned to the livestock auction market, or any veterinarian that has a complaint against the auction market to which the veterinarian is assigned, may submit a written complaint to the grievance committee. The grievance committee consists of:

a. The president of the North Dakota stockmen's association or the president's designee;

b. The president of the livestock auction market association or the president's designee; and

c. The president of the North Dakota veterinary medical association or the president's designee.

2. The members of the committee shall choose one member to serve as chairman. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman. The committee shall take all complaints under consideration and report a recommendation of the committee to the state board of animal health within thirty days after receipt of the complaint.

**4.1-27-18. Operator to warrant title to purchaser - Dispute in title of animal sold.**

The operator of each livestock auction market shall warrant to the purchaser the title of all livestock bought by the purchaser through the auction market and the operator is liable to the rightful owner of any livestock sold through the auction market for the net proceeds in cash received for the livestock. If the operator of an auction market is notified by an authorized brand inspector that there is a question as to whether any designated livestock sold through the auction market is lawfully owned by the consignor of the livestock, the operator shall hold the proceeds received from the sale of the livestock for a reasonable time, not to exceed sixty days, to permit the consignor to establish ownership. At the expiration of the allotted time, if the consignor fails to establish lawful ownership of the livestock to the satisfaction of the brand inspector, the proceeds must be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the North Dakota stockmen's association fund.

1       **4.1-27-19. Use of fees - Grounds for refusal or revocation of license - Procedure on**  
2 **default of licensee.**

3       All fees collected by the commissioner under this chapter must be credited to the general  
4 fund of the state treasury. A license to operate a livestock auction market may be refused or  
5 revoked for any of the reasons specified in sections 4.1-83-10, 4.1-83-19, 4.1-88-09, or  
6 4.1-88-18. When the holder of a license issued under this chapter defaults in any of the  
7 conditions of any bond filed with the commissioner by the licensee, the commissioner will  
8 become trustee of the bond and sections 4.1-83-21 through 4.1-83-28 and 4.1-88-20 through  
9 4.1-88-27 govern the procedure to be followed.

10       **4.1-27-20. Review by the court.**

11       The action of the commissioner in denying an application for a license or in revoking or  
12 suspending a license may be appealed to the district court of Burleigh County by the procedure  
13 applicable to appeals taken in the manner provided in chapter 28-32, except the commissioner's  
14 order revoking or suspending the license may be stayed by the court appealed to upon filing  
15 with the clerk of the court a bond approved by and in the amount set by the judge of the district  
16 court for the faithful observance of the laws of the state relative to the operation of the business  
17 licensed during the pendency of the appeal.

18       **4.1-27-21. Unlawful acts.**

19       It is a violation of this chapter for any livestock auction market or person to:

- 20       1. Make or cause any false entry or statement of fact to be made in any application,  
21       financial statement, or report filed with the department under this chapter;
- 22       2. Fail to keep and maintain suitable records that disclose all purchases and sales of  
23       livestock or refuse to allow any authorized agent of the department to have access,  
24       during reasonable hours, to inspect and to copy any or all of the records relating to the  
25       dealer's business;
- 26       3. Fail or refuse to furnish the information required under this chapter as prescribed by  
27       the department;
- 28       4. Fail to notify the commissioner of the receipt of a nonsufficient funds check as required  
29       by section 4.1-27-13;
- 30       5. Fail to pay brand inspection fees or veterinarian fees as required by law;
- 31       6. Fail to collect beef promotion assessments pursuant to chapter 4.1-03; or

- 1        7. Fail to pay for livestock purchased, including the issuance of a check or payment for  
2        livestock purchased, when the check is returned unpaid with a notation that the  
3        payment has been refused because of nonsufficient funds.

4        **4.1-27-22. Penalties - Criminal - Civil.**

- 5        1. Any auction market or person who willfully violates any provision of this chapter is  
6        guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

- 7        2. Any auction market or person who willfully violates any provision of this chapter is  
8        subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars for each violation. The  
9        civil penalty may be adjudicated by the courts or by the commissioner through an  
10       administrative hearing under chapter 28-32.

11       **4.1-27-23. Public livestock markets or commission firms - Duplicate scale tickets.**

12       All public livestock markets or commission firms doing business in this state shall deliver to  
13       each person consigning livestock to the market or purchasing livestock from the market a  
14       duplicate scale ticket showing the weight of such livestock.

15       **SECTION 3.** Chapter 4.1-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
16       follows:

17       **4.1-28-01. Definitions.**

18       In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 19       1. "Commissioner" means the agriculture commissioner or the commissioner's designee.  
20       2. "Internet livestock auction" means a place or establishment conducted or operated for  
21       compensation or profit as a public market where livestock located in this state is sold  
22       or offered for sale at a facility or website within or outside the state through the use of  
23       the internet.  
24       3. "Livestock" means horses, mules, cattle, swine, sheep, farmed elk, and goats.  
25       4. "Representative" means a dealer licensed under chapter 36-04 or a livestock auction  
26       market licensed under chapter 4.1-27.  
27       5. "Video livestock auction market" means a place or establishment conducted or  
28       operated for compensation or profit as a public market where livestock located in this  
29       state is sold or offered for sale at a facility within or outside the state through the use  
30       of video at a public auction.

1       **4.1-28-02. Video livestock auction market and internet auction - Authority to transact**  
2 **business.**

3       A video livestock auction market or internet livestock auction market may not transact  
4 business in this state unless the market transacts business through a representative licensed  
5 under this chapter.

6       **4.1-28-03. Application for license - Contents.**

- 7       1. Before entering business with a video livestock auction market or internet livestock  
8 auction market, each representative must obtain a license to transact business with a  
9 video livestock auction market or internet livestock auction market by filing an  
10 application with the commissioner on a form prescribed by the commissioner. A license  
11 issued under this section expires June thirtieth after issuance and must be renewed by  
12 filing of a renewal application at the time and on a form prescribed by the  
13 commissioner. The application must show:
- 14       a. The nature of the business applying for a license;  
15       b. The name of the representative applying for the license on behalf of the  
16 business;  
17       c. The name and address of the video livestock auction market or internet livestock  
18 auction market through which the applicant proposes to transact business; and  
19       d. Any other information the commissioner may require.
- 20       2. The application for a license or for a renewal of a license must include:
- 21       a. A license fee of one hundred dollars;  
22       b. Evidence the commissioner may require showing the video livestock auction  
23 market or internet livestock auction market the representative proposes to do  
24 business through is financially responsible and bonded to transact such  
25 business;  
26       c. A schedule of the fees and commissions that will be charged to owners, sellers,  
27 or their agents; and  
28       d. A copy of the contract between the representative and the video livestock auction  
29 market or internet livestock auction market through which the representative  
30 proposes to transact business. The contract must:

- 1           (1) Contain a provision authorizing the commissioner to have access to the  
2           books; papers; accounts; financial records held by financial institutions,  
3           accountants, or other sources;  
4           (2) Contain other documents, as determined by the commissioner, relating to  
5           the activities of the video livestock auction market or internet livestock  
6           auction market; and  
7           (3) Provide that the video livestock auction market or internet livestock auction  
8           market and its representative are jointly and severally liable, with the right of  
9           contribution, for all business transacted within this state by the  
10          representative on behalf of the video livestock auction market or internet  
11          livestock auction market.

- 12        3. If the contract between the representative and the video livestock auction market or  
13        internet livestock auction market is terminated, rescinded, breached, or otherwise  
14        materially altered, the representative and the video livestock auction market or internet  
15        livestock auction market shall immediately notify the commissioner. Failure to notify  
16        the commissioner of termination, rescission, breach, or material alteration of the  
17        contract between the representative and the video livestock auction market or internet  
18        livestock auction market is deemed to be a failure to keep and maintain suitable  
19        records with the department and is deemed to be a false entry or statement of fact in  
20        an application filed with the department.

21        **4.1-28-04. Use of fees - Grounds for refusal or revocation of license - Review by**  
22        **court.**

23        All fees collected by the commissioner under this chapter must be deposited in the general  
24        fund of the state treasury. A license may be refused or revoked for any reason specified in  
25        subdivision c or d of subsection 2 of section 36-04-04 or section 36-04-10, or if the contract  
26        required by this chapter between the representative and the video livestock auction market or  
27        internet livestock auction market is extinguished, rescinded, or canceled, or is breached by  
28        either party. The action of the commissioner in denying an application for a license or revoking  
29        or suspending a license may be appealed as provided in section 4.1-27-20.



1       **4.1-28-05. Inspection of livestock.**

2       Before any livestock sold pursuant to this chapter is delivered, whether interstate or  
3 intrastate, the livestock must be inspected for health by a veterinarian licensed in this state and  
4 approved by the state board of animal health and, in the case of cattle, for brands by a trained  
5 brand inspector, acting under rules adopted by the North Dakota stockmen's association and  
6 the state board of animal health. The inspection must take place at the time of the initial delivery  
7 of the livestock. If livestock is destined to be shipped interstate, the authorized veterinarian shall  
8 furnish to each purchaser a certificate showing that the inspection has been made and  
9 treatment administered in accordance with the requirements of the state of destination. The  
10 services and duties of the veterinary inspector are under the supervision of the state board of  
11 animal health. Fees for the veterinary inspection must be an amount agreed upon by the  
12 representative and the veterinarian. All fees for veterinary inspection, treatment, and services  
13 must be collected by the representative and paid to the inspector.

14       **4.1-28-06. Method of payment.**

15       Payment to the seller for livestock sold through a video livestock auction market or internet  
16 livestock auction market must be made in United States currency, with an instrument payable  
17 on demand drawn on a financial institution chartered and regulated by a state or the federal  
18 government, or by wire transfer or other electronic form of payment from a financial institution  
19 chartered and regulated by a state or the federal government.

20       **4.1-28-07. Sale of livestock by weight - Scales to be inspected.**

21       Notwithstanding section 36-21-15, all livestock sold by weight through a video livestock  
22 auction market or internet livestock auction market must be sold based on the weight of the  
23 livestock on the day of delivery. All livestock sold by weight must be weighed on scales that  
24 have been tested and inspected by the department of weights and measures in the manner  
25 provided by law.

26       **SECTION 4.** Chapter 4.1-30 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
27 follows:

28       **4.1-30-01. Packing plant defined.**

29       The term "packing plant" as used in this chapter means a place where livestock, exclusive  
30 of poultry, is purchased for the purpose of slaughtering, dressing, curing, or processing the  
31 same for storage and distribution at wholesale for human consumption.

1       **4.1-30-02. Livestock purchased by weight to be graded - Penalty.**

2       An officer or employee of a packing plant within this state may not purchase any livestock  
3 by weight unless such livestock has been graded and sorted in the yard and the price per  
4 pound [.45 kilogram] for each grade fixed and determined before the livestock is weighed. Any  
5 officer or employee of a packing plant who violates this section is guilty of an infraction.

6       **4.1-30-03. Penalty for purchase of livestock by weight without grading.**

7       Each purchase of livestock in violation of section 4.1-30-02 is a separate offense and  
8 constitutes an infraction upon the part of every owner of a packing plant in which such violation  
9 occurs.

10       **SECTION 5.** Chapter 4.1-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
11 follows:

12       **4.1-31-01. Definitions.**

- 13       1. "Adulterated" means a carcass or meat food product:
- 14           a. That includes a poisonous or harmful substance that may render it injurious to  
15           health;
  - 16           b. That includes a chemical pesticide that is unsafe under the federal Food, Drug,  
17           and Cosmetic Act [21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.];
  - 18           c. That includes a food or color additive that is unsafe under the federal Food, Drug,  
19           and Cosmetic Act [21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.];
  - 20           d. That includes a filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance or is for any other reason  
21           unfit for human food;
  - 22           e. That has been prepared, packed, or held under unsanitary conditions;
  - 23           f. That includes the product of an animal that has died in a manner other than  
24           slaughter or includes the product of an animal condemned by reason of disease  
25           that existed at the time of slaughter;
  - 26           g. The container of which includes a poisonous or harmful substance that may  
27           make the contents harmful to health;
  - 28           h. That has been intentionally subjected to radiation, unless the use of the radiation  
29           conformed with a regulation or exemption in effect under the federal Food, Drug,  
30           and Cosmetic Act [21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.];
  - 31           i. That is damaged or inferior and that damage or inferiority has been concealed; or

1           j. That has had a substance added to it or mixed or packed with it so as to increase  
2           its bulk or weight, or make it appear better or of greater value than it is.

3       2. "Animal" includes cattle, swine, sheep, goats, farmed cervidae, llama, horses,  
4       equines, bison, other large domesticated animals, and poultry.

5       3. "Carcass" includes all or any part of an animal carcass.

6       4. "Container" means a receptacle of a meat food product.

7       5. "Custom processing" means slaughtering, eviscerating, dressing, or processing an  
8       animal carcass or meat food products for the owner of the animal carcass or the meat  
9       food products, if all meat food products derived from the custom processing are  
10      returned to that owner.

11      6. "Inspector" means an inspector appointed by the commissioner to perform duties  
12      under this chapter.

13      7. "Intrastate commerce" means commerce within this state.

14      8. "Meat food product" means a product usable as human food which contains any part  
15      of an animal carcass. The term does not include any product that contains any part of  
16      an animal carcass in a relatively small proportion or which historically has not been  
17      considered by consumers as a product of the meat food industry, and which is not  
18      represented as a meat food product.

19      9. "Poultry" includes domesticated fowl bred for the primary purpose of producing eggs  
20      or meat, or both, including chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries,  
21      waterfowl, and game birds, but excluding doves and pigeons.

22      10. "Prepared" means slaughtered, canned, salted, rendered, boned, cut up, or otherwise  
23      manufactured or processed.

24      **4.1-31-02. Inspectors - Appointments - Duties.**

25      1. The commissioner shall appoint inspectors to examine and inspect meat food products  
26      prepared solely for intrastate commerce in a slaughtering, meat canning, salting,  
27      packing, or similar establishment. The inspections must take place at any time during  
28      which the slaughtering of animals or the preparation of meat food products is being  
29      conducted. Upon completing an inspection, the inspector shall mark, stamp, tag, or  
30      label the product "North Dakota inspected and passed" if it is unadulterated or as  
31      "North Dakota inspected and condemned" if the product is found to be adulterated.

2. The commissioner shall appoint inspectors to examine and inspect each slaughtering, meat canning, salting, packing, or similar establishment in which meat food products are prepared solely for intrastate commerce. The commissioner shall adopt rules of sanitation applicable to these establishments. The commissioner may not allow any meat food product from any facility not meeting the sanitary conditions required by those rules to be labeled, marked, stamped, or tagged as "North Dakota inspected and passed".

3. Meat food products inspected and passed under this chapter may be sold at retail in this state.

4. Neither the commissioner, nor any inspector appointed by the commissioner, may undertake any activity that is duplicative of an activity performed by meat inspectors of the United States department of agriculture.

**4.1-31-03. Access by inspectors - Penalty.**

1. For purposes of enforcement of this chapter, the commissioner may enter and inspect:

a. Any place where food or any other product, the manufacture, sale, use, or transportation of which is restricted, regulated, or prohibited by a law of this state, is or may be manufactured, prepared, stored, sold, used, transported, offered for sale or transportation, or possessed with intent to use, sell, or transport;

b. Any place where an animal is pastured or stabled;

c. Any vehicle used to transport a meat food product or an animal;

d. Any place where food is or may be cooked, prepared, sold, or kept for sale to or for the public or distributed as a part of the compensation of an employee or agent; and

e. Any place where a meat food product may be manufactured, sold, used, offered for sale or transportation, or possessed with intent to use, sell, or transport.

2. The commissioner may inspect any container believed to hold food, a food ingredient, or some other product, the manufacture, use, sale, or transportation of which is restricted, regulated, or forbidden by state law, and may take samples from it for analysis.

3. It is a class A misdemeanor for any person to obstruct entry or inspection under this chapter or to fail, upon request, to assist in an inspection authorized by this chapter.

1       **4.1-31-04. Marks and labels.**

2       1.   If a meat food product that is inspected and marked "North Dakota inspected and  
3       passed" is being placed or packed in a container, the person preparing the product  
4       shall attach to the container, under supervision of an inspector, a label indicating that  
5       the product has been "North Dakota inspected and passed". An inspection under this  
6       chapter is not complete until the product has been sealed or enclosed in the container,  
7       under the supervision of an inspector.

8       2.   A meat food product inspected under this chapter and found not to be adulterated  
9       must bear, directly or on its container, a legible label or official mark as required by the  
10      commissioner.

11      3.   The commissioner shall prescribe by rule the style and size of type to be used in  
12      labeling meat under this chapter and standards of identity, composition, and fill of  
13      container for meat food products inspected under this chapter, but the standards must  
14      be consistent with those established under federal law.

15      **4.1-31-05. False or misleading marks, labels, and containers.**

16      A person may not sell in intrastate commerce any meat food product subject to inspection  
17      under this chapter under a name, mark, or label that is false or misleading, or in a container of a  
18      misleading form or size. If the commissioner has reason to believe that a mark, label, or  
19      container is false or misleading, the commissioner may direct that its use be withheld unless the  
20      mark, label, or container is modified in a manner approved by the commissioner. If the person  
21      using or proposing to use the mark, label, or container does not accept the determination of the  
22      commissioner, the person may request a hearing. The commissioner may direct that the mark,  
23      label, or container not be used pending a hearing and final determination by the commissioner.  
24      A determination by the commissioner is conclusive unless the person adversely affected  
25      appeals to the district court within thirty days after receiving the notice of final determination.

26      **4.1-31-06. Prohibitions.**

27      A person may not:

28      1.   Slaughter an animal or prepare an article usable as human food at any establishment  
29      preparing articles solely for intrastate commerce, unless the person complies with this  
30      chapter;

2. Sell, transport, offer for sale or transportation, or receive for transportation, in intrastate commerce any article that is usable as human food and which is adulterated or misbranded or any article that has not been inspected and passed under this chapter; or
3. Alter an article that is usable as human food while the article is being transported in intrastate commerce or held for sale after transportation, if the alteration is intended to cause or has the effect of causing the article to be adulterated or misbranded.

**4.1-31-07. Official marks and certificates - Required authorization.**

A person may not:

1. Cast, print, 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, without authorization from the commissioner;
2. Forge an official device, mark, or certificate;
3. Use a real or simulated official device, mark, or certificate, or alter, detach, deface, or destroy an official device, mark, or certificate, without authorization from the commissioner;
4. Fail to use an official device, mark, or certificate if appropriate;
5. Knowingly possess, without promptly notifying the commissioner, a counterfeit, simulated, forged, or improperly altered official certificate, device, or label, or a carcass bearing a counterfeit, simulated, forged, or improperly altered official mark;
6. Knowingly make a false statement in a certificate; or
7. Knowingly represent falsely that an article has been inspected and passed, or exempted, under this chapter.

**4.1-31-08. Horse meat - Requirements.**

A person may not sell, transport, offer for sale or transportation, or receive for transportation in intrastate commerce carcasses of horses, mules, or other equines or meat food products derived from them, unless they are plainly and conspicuously marked, labeled, or otherwise identified to show the kinds of animals from which they were derived. The commissioner by rule may require that the preparation of equine carcasses and equine meat food products take place in establishments separate from those in which cattle, sheep, swine, or goats are slaughtered or in which their carcasses or meat food products are prepared.

1       **4.1-31-09. Bribery.**

2       A person may not give or receive anything of value to influence the performance of an  
3 inspector under this chapter.

4       **4.1-31-10. Individual and custom processing - Exemption from inspection**  
5 **requirements.**

6       1. This chapter does not apply to an individual processing the individual's own animals  
7 and the individual's preparation and transportation in intrastate commerce of the  
8 carcasses and meat food products provided the animals are for the exclusive use of  
9 the individual, members of the individual's household, the individual's nonpaying  
10 guests, and employees.

11       2. The provisions of this chapter requiring inspection of the slaughter of animals, the  
12 preparation of the carcasses and meat and meat food products at establishments  
13 conducting those operations do not apply to the custom processing by a person of  
14 animals delivered by the owner for processing, and the preparation or transportation in  
15 intrastate commerce of the carcasses and meat food products of the animals, provided  
16 the products are to be used exclusively in the household of the animal's owner by the  
17 owner and members of the owner's household, nonpaying guests, and employees.

18       3. A custom processor may not engage in the business of buying or selling carcasses or  
19 meat food products of animals, other than poultry, usable as human food unless the  
20 carcasses or meat food products have been inspected and passed and are identified  
21 as inspected and passed by the commissioner or the United States department of  
22 agriculture.

23       4. The provisions of this chapter requiring inspection of the preparation of poultry  
24 carcasses and poultry food products at establishments conducting those operations do  
25 not apply to any retailer with respect to poultry products sold in commerce directly to  
26 consumers in an individual retail store, provided the retailer does not engage in the  
27 business of custom slaughter, and provided the poultry products sold in commerce are  
28 derived from poultry inspected and passed by the commissioner or the United States  
29 department of agriculture.

1       **4.1-31-11. Storing and handling conditions.**

2       The commissioner shall adopt rules regarding the manner in which all carcasses and meat  
3 food products of animals usable as human food and subject to this chapter must be stored,  
4 handled, and transported.

5       **4.1-31-12. Articles not intended as human food.**

6       The commissioner may not provide inspection under this chapter at an establishment for  
7 the slaughter of animals or the preparation of carcasses or parts or products of animals which  
8 are not intended for use as human food. Before these articles are offered for sale or  
9 transportation in intrastate commerce, the articles must be denatured or otherwise identified, as  
10 prescribed by rules of the commissioner, to deter the articles use for human food, unless the  
11 articles are naturally inedible by humans. A person may not buy, sell, transport, offer for sale or  
12 transportation, or receive for transportation, in intrastate commerce, any carcasses or meat food  
13 products of animals which are not intended for use as human food, unless the articles are  
14 denatured or otherwise identified.

15       **4.1-31-13. Records.**

16       The following persons shall keep records that fully and accurately disclose the transactions  
17 described:

- 18       1. A person in the business of slaughtering animals or preparing, freezing, packaging, or  
19       labeling animal carcasses or products of carcasses for use as human or animal food.
- 20       2. A person buying, selling, transporting, or storing animal carcasses or products of  
21       animal carcasses.
- 22       3. A person rendering or buying, selling, or transporting dead, dying, disabled, or  
23       diseased animals or the carcasses of animals that died other than by slaughter.

24       **4.1-31-14. Records - Examination.**

25       Upon notice by the commissioner, any person subject to the record keeping requirements of  
26 this chapter shall give the commissioner and the United States department of agriculture access  
27 to the person's place of business at all reasonable times and an opportunity to examine the  
28 facilities, inventory, and records of the business, to copy business records, and to take  
29 reasonable samples of the person's inventory upon payment of the fair market value of the  
30 samples.



1       **4.1-31-15. Records - Retention.**

2       Any person subject to the record keeping requirements of this chapter shall maintain the  
3 records for the period prescribed by the commissioner.

4       **4.1-31-16. Registration of business.**

5       A person may not engage in intrastate business as a meat broker, renderer, or animal food  
6 manufacturer; a wholesaler of animal carcasses intended for human food or other purposes; a  
7 public warehouse operator storing carcasses of animals in or for intrastate commerce; or a  
8 buyer, seller, or transporter of dead, dying, disabled, or diseased animals, or the carcasses of  
9 animals that died other than by slaughter, unless the person first provides the commissioner  
10 with the person's name, the address of each place of business under which the person  
11 conducts business, and all trade names under which the person conducts business.

12       **4.1-31-17. Dead, dying, disabled, or diseased animals - Rules.**

13       The commissioner shall adopt rules to ensure dead, dying, disabled, or diseased animals  
14 are not used as human food.

15       **4.1-31-18. Cooperation with federal government.**

16       The commissioner shall cooperate with the United States department of agriculture to  
17 develop and administer the state meat inspection program provided for under this chapter and  
18 to ensure its requirements are at least equal to those imposed by federal law. The  
19 commissioner may accept, from the United States department of agriculture, advice and  
20 assistance in planning and otherwise developing the state meat inspection program; technical  
21 and laboratory assistance and training, including necessary curricular and instructional  
22 materials and equipment; and financial and other assistance for the administration of the  
23 program.

24       **4.1-31-19. Refusal or withdrawal of inspection.**

25       1. For the length of time the commissioner considers necessary to carry out the purposes  
26 of this chapter, the commissioner may refuse to provide, or may withdraw, inspection  
27 services from an establishment if after a hearing the commissioner determines that the  
28 recipient or potential recipient is unfit to engage in any business requiring inspection  
29 under this chapter because the recipient, potential recipient, or anyone responsibly  
30 connected with the recipient or potential recipient has been convicted of:

1           a. An offense determined by the commissioner to have a direct bearing on the  
2           person's ability to serve the public in a business requiring inspection under this  
3           chapter, or the commissioner determines the person is not sufficiently  
4           rehabilitated under section 12.1-33-02.1;

5           b. More than one violation of a law based on the acquisition, handling, or  
6           distributing of unwholesome, mislabeled, or deceptively packaged food; or

7           c. Fraud in connection with transactions involving food.

8       2. For the purpose of this section anyone responsibly connected with a business means  
9       an individual who is a partner, officer, director, holder, or owner of ten percent or more  
10       of its voting stock or an employee in a managerial or executive capacity.

11       **4.1-31-20. Detention of animals or products.**

12       1. An inspector may detain an article or animal for up to twenty days pending a hearing  
13       or notification of authorities having jurisdiction over the article or animal if the inspector  
14       finds the article or animal on premises where it is held for purposes of, during, or after  
15       distribution in intrastate commerce and the inspector reasonably believes:

16       a. The article or animal is adulterated or misbranded and would otherwise be usable  
17       as human food;

18       b. The article or animal has not been inspected, in violation of this chapter or federal  
19       law; or

20       c. The article or animal has been or is intended to be distributed in violation of this  
21       chapter or federal law.

22       2. Until it is released by the commissioner, a detained article or animal may not be  
23       moved by any person from the place at which it was located when detained. The  
24       commissioner may require all official marks to be removed from the detained article or  
25       animal before it is released unless the commissioner is satisfied the article or animal is  
26       eligible to retain the official marks.

27       **4.1-31-21. Seizure and condemnation.**

28       The commissioner may initiate action to seize and condemn a carcass or meat food  
29       product, or a dead, dying, disabled, or diseased animal that is being transported in intrastate  
30       commerce, or is held for sale in this state after transportation in intrastate commerce if:

1       1.   The article is or has been prepared, sold, transported, or otherwise distributed or  
2       offered or received for distribution in violation of this chapter;

3       2.   The article is adulterated or misbranded and not suitable for use as human food; or

4       3.   The article is in any other way violative of this chapter.

5       **4.1-31-22. Destruction or sale of condemned items.**

6       If an article or animal is condemned, it must be disposed of by destruction or sale, as  
7       directed by a court. If an article or animal is sold, the proceeds must be paid to the state, less  
8       the court costs, fees, storage, and reasonable expenses, but the article or animal must not be  
9       sold contrary to this chapter or federal law. If a bond is delivered conditioned that the article or  
10      animal not be sold or otherwise disposed of contrary to this chapter or federal law, the court  
11      may direct the article or animal be delivered to its owner subject to supervision by the  
12      commissioner.

13      **4.1-31-23. Types of proceedings - Award of costs.**

14      If a decree of condemnation is entered against an article or animal and it is released under  
15      bond or destroyed, a court may award costs, fees, storage, and other reasonable expenses  
16      against any person intervening as a claimant of the article or animal. Either party to a  
17      proceeding may demand trial by jury of any issue of fact joined in the case, and all proceedings  
18      must be in the name of the state. Nothing in this section changes the authority for  
19      condemnation or seizure otherwise conferred by law.

20      **4.1-31-24. Powers of commissioner.**

21      For the purposes of this chapter, the commissioner may:

22      1.   Gather and compile information concerning and investigate the organization, business,  
23      conduct, practices, and management of a person in intrastate commerce and the  
24      person's relation to other persons.

25      2.   Require a person engaged in intrastate commerce file with the commissioner, in the  
26      form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, annual and special reports or  
27      written answers to specific questions, giving the commissioner the information the  
28      commissioner requires about the organization, business, conduct, practices,  
29      management, and relation to other persons, of the person filing the reports or  
30      answers.

- 1       3. Examine and copy documentary evidence of a person being investigated or being  
2       proceeded against. A person may not refuse to submit to the commissioner, for  
3       inspection and copying, any documentary evidence of a person subject to this chapter  
4       in the person's possession or control.
- 5       4. Fix the time of filing for a person required by this chapter to file an annual or special  
6       report. A person required by this chapter to file an annual or special report may not  
7       continue the failure for thirty days after notice of failure to file.
- 8       5. Adopt rules to implement this chapter, including establishing inspection fees for  
9       providing inspection services under this chapter.

10       **4.1-31-25. Interstate shipment.**

11       Meat and meat products inspected under this chapter may be shipped in interstate  
12       commerce when federal law permits state-inspected meat and meat products to be marketed  
13       interstate.

14       **4.1-31-26. Penalties.**

- 15       1. A person who willfully violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a class A  
16       misdemeanor.
- 17       2. A person willfully violating this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter is subject  
18       to a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars for each violation. The civil  
19       penalty may be imposed by a court or by the agriculture commissioner in an  
20       administrative proceeding.
- 21       3. Imposing a penalty allowed in subsection 1 or 2 does not preclude the commissioner  
22       from seeking to impose other sanctions or from seeking other remedies for violation of  
23       this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

24       **SECTION 6.** Chapter 4.1-32 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
25       follows:

26       **4.1-32-01. License required to operate rendering plant.**

27       A person may not operate a rendering plant or other establishment using the carcasses of  
28       domestic or wild animals, not intended for human consumption, for processing without first  
29       obtaining a license from the agriculture commissioner. A license to operate a rendering plant  
30       may be issued only upon a written application filed with the commissioner in accordance with  
31       this chapter and rules adopted by the board.

1       **4.1-32-02. Inspection of rendering plant of applicant by state veterinarian.**

2       The state veterinarian shall inspect an establishment for which a license is requested to  
3 operate a rendering plant, including its equipment and vehicles and the manner in which its  
4 business is conducted, with reference and due regard to the danger of animal disease  
5 transmission and dissemination, upon the receipt of an application for a license to operate a  
6 rendering plant or other establishment for processing the carcasses of domestic or wild animals,  
7 not intended for human consumption.

8       **4.1-32-03. Granting of license - Fee - Term.**

9       The agriculture commissioner shall issue a license to operate a rendering plant, if the  
10 inspection does not reveal any danger of animal disease transmission, upon payment of a fee  
11 of fifty dollars. The license is valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance unless it is  
12 revoked for cause by the commissioner before expiration.

13       **4.1-32-04. Unloading chutes and vehicles used by rendering plant - Regulations**  
14 **governing.**

- 15       1. Any unloading places or chutes used by a rendering plant or establishment must be on  
16 cement floors that can be cleaned and disinfected. Every vehicle used for transporting  
17 carcasses of dead animals to a rendering plant or establishment must:
- 18       a. Have a bed or tank not less than fifty inches [127 centimeters] in width which is  
19 all metal, metal lined, or watertight for at least six inches [15.24 centimeters]  
20 above the floor of the box or bed of the vehicle.
- 21       b. Have a metal-lined endgate that is hinged at the bottom of the bed or box of the  
22 vehicle and is fastened firmly to the top of the bed or box of the vehicle when  
23 closed.
- 24       c. Have sides, a top, and an endgate that will prevent flies and other insects from  
25 entering the vehicle.
- 26       d. Carry a tank filled with a solution approved by the state veterinarian for use as a  
27 disinfectant.
- 28       e. Be disinfected with the solution described in subdivision d after it has been used  
29 for collecting a dead animal and before it enters upon any public highway of this  
30 state. Special attention must be given to all those parts of the vehicle which came  
31 in contact with the ground while upon the premises.

1           f. Be thoroughly washed and disinfected with the solution described in subdivision  
2           d or with live steam, or both, after the dead animal has been unloaded at the  
3           rendering plant.

4           2. The operator of any vehicle used for transporting the carcasses of dead animals to a  
5           rendering plant shall wash with disinfectant, paying special attention to disinfecting the  
6           operator's hands and footwear, with the solution described in subdivision d of  
7           subsection 1 immediately after leaving any farm at which the operator has collected  
8           the carcass of a dead animal.

9           **4.1-32-05. Removal of carcasses from vehicle - Prohibition.**

10          A carcass collected at any farm in this state may not be removed from the vehicle except at  
11          a rendering plant or other establishment using the carcasses of domestic or wild animals, not  
12          intended for human consumption, for processing and final disposal.

13          **4.1-32-06. Operator of vehicle for rendering plant to have certificate.**

14          Any person operating a vehicle for an establishment licensed under this chapter must have  
15          an authorized certificate from the establishment which has been approved by the agriculture  
16          commissioner.

17          **4.1-32-07. Inspection of plant authorized.**

18          The operator of any establishment licensed under this chapter shall permit an official  
19          authorized by the state veterinarian or any health officer to inspect the licensed establishment at  
20          any time.

21          **4.1-32-08. Rendering done by packing plants operating under federal inspection -**  
22          **Exception.**

23          All rendering done by a packing plant operating under federal inspection in a building  
24          adjacent to or on the same premises as the packing plant is exempt from the provisions of this  
25          chapter, except that the transportation by the packing plant or any establishment licensed under  
26          this chapter of carcasses and other animal substances on any public highway or street is  
27          subject to the sanitary requirements of this chapter and the rules adopted by the state board of  
28          animal health.

29          **4.1-32-09. Money collected - Where credited.**

30          Money collected under this chapter must be deposited in the general fund by the state  
31          treasurer.

1       **4.1-32-10. Restrictions on locating rendering plants.**

2       An establishment licensed under this chapter may not be constructed within three miles  
3 [4.83 kilometers] of the limits of any municipality or within one mile [1.61 kilometers] of any  
4 farmstead unless the owner of the farmstead gives written consent.

5       **4.1-32-11. Penalty.**

6       Any person violating any provision of this chapter is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

7       **SECTION 7.** Chapter 4.1-41 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
8 follows:

9       **4.1-41-01. Definitions.**

10      In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 11      1. "Brand name" means any word, name, symbol, or device, used singly or in  
12 combination, that identifies commercial feed and distinguishes it from that of all others.
- 13      2. "Commercial feed" means any materials, used singly or in combination, which are  
14 distributed, or are intended to be distributed, for use as feed or for mixing in feed,  
15 except:
- 16          a. Unmixed whole seeds and unmixed physically altered seeds, provided the seeds  
17 are not chemically changed or adulterated;
- 18          b. Commodities such as hay, straw, stover, silage, cobs, husks, and hulls, provided  
19 the commodities are:
- 20              (1) Not intermixed or mixed with other materials;
- 21              (2) Not adulterated; and
- 22              (3) Specifically exempted by the agriculture commissioner;
- 23          c. Individual chemical compounds or substances, provided the chemical  
24 compounds or substances are:
- 25              (1) Not intermixed or mixed with other materials;
- 26              (2) Not adulterated; and
- 27              (3) Specifically exempted by the agriculture commissioner; and
- 28          d. Unprocessed grain screenings or unprocessed mixed grain screenings, provided:
- 29              (1) The distributor does not make oral or written reference to the nutritional  
30 value of the screenings;
- 31              (2) The screenings are not adulterated; and

- 1                   (3) The screenings are specifically exempted by the agriculture commissioner.
- 2       3. "Contract feeder" means an independent contractor that feeds commercial feed to  
3       animals pursuant to a contract under which the commercial feed is supplied, furnished,  
4       or otherwise provided to the independent contractor and the independent contractor's  
5       remuneration is determined in whole or in part by feed consumption, mortality, profits,  
6       or the amount or quality of the product.
- 7       4. "Customer-formula feed" means a commercial feed that is manufactured according to  
8       the specific instructions of the final purchaser.
- 9       5. "Distribute" means to:
- 10       a. Offer for sale, sell, exchange, or barter commercial feed or customer-formula  
11       feed; or
- 12       b. Supply, furnish, or otherwise provide commercial feed or customer-formula feed  
13       to a contract feeder.
- 14       6. "Drug" means any article:
- 15       a. Intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of  
16       disease in an animal other than a human; and
- 17       b. Other than feed, intended to affect the structure or function of an animal's body.
- 18       7. "Feed ingredient" means each of the constituent materials making up a commercial  
19       feed.
- 20       8. "Label" means any printed or stamped information on or attached to a commercial  
21       feed container or its wrapper and written information accompanying the distribution of  
22       a commercial feed or customer-formula feed.
- 23       9. "Manufacture" means to grind, mix, blend, or further process a commercial feed for  
24       distribution.
- 25       10. "Official sample" means any feed taken by the agriculture commissioner in accordance  
26       with section 4.1-41-13.
- 27       11. "Pet food" means any commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by  
28       dogs or cats.
- 29       12. "Product name" means a term that identifies a commercial feed as to its kind, class, or  
30       specific use and which distinguishes that feed from all other products bearing the  
31       same brand name.



13. "Specialty pet food" means a commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by canaries, finches, gerbils, goldfish, hamsters, mynahs, psittacine birds, snakes, turtles, and any other domesticated animal normally maintained in a cage or a tank.

**4.1-41-02. Manufacturer's license - Retailer's license.**

1. a. A person shall obtain a commercial feed manufacturer's license for each facility at which the person manufactures commercial feed if the person distributes the feed within this state.

b. A person shall obtain a commercial feed manufacturer's license if the person's name appears on the label of a commercial feed as a guarantor.

c. This subsection does not apply to a person that manufactures or guarantees pet food or specialty pet food.

2. A person shall obtain a commercial feed retailer's license for each facility at which the person sells commercial feed other than pet food or specialty pet food. This subsection does not apply to a person licensed as a commercial feed manufacturer.

3. In order to obtain an initial license required by this section, a person shall submit an application form at the time and in the manner required by the agriculture commissioner and:

a. If the person is applying for a manufacturer's license, a fee in the amount of one hundred twenty dollars for a manufacturer's license; or

b. If the person is applying for a retailer's license, a fee in the amount of sixty dollars.

4. To renew a license required by this section, a person shall submit an application form at the time and in the manner required by the commissioner and:

a. If the person is applying for a manufacturer's license renewal, a fee in the amount of one hundred dollars; or

b. If the person is applying for a retailer's license renewal, a fee in the amount of fifty dollars.

5. A license issued under this section is valid during the period beginning on January first of an even-numbered year and ending on December thirty-first of the ensuing odd-numbered year.

- 1       6.   If a person fails to renew a license within thirty-one days of its expiration, that person  
2           must apply for an initial license.

3       **4.1-41-03. Product registration.**

4       Each commercial feed manufacturer required to be licensed under this chapter shall  
5       register all feeds distributed in this state with the agriculture commissioner, at the time and in  
6       the manner required by the commissioner. This section does not apply to customer-formula  
7       feeds.

8       **4.1-41-04. License - Registration - Hearing.**

- 9       1.   a.   The agriculture commissioner may refuse to issue a license to an applicant that is  
10           not in compliance with this chapter.  
11       b.   The commissioner may revoke an existing license if the licensee is not in  
12           compliance with this chapter.  
13       c.   The commissioner may refuse to register any feed and may cancel the  
14           registration of any feed if the registrant is not in compliance with this chapter.  
15       2.   Before the commissioner may act under this section, the commissioner shall provide  
16           the affected person with an opportunity for an informal hearing.

17       **4.1-41-05. Pet food - Specialty pet food - Registration - Penalty.**

- 18       1.   Before being distributed in this state, each pet food product and each specialty pet  
19           food product must be registered with the agriculture commissioner. This requirement  
20           does not apply to a distributor, provided the pet food or specialty pet food is registered  
21           by another person.  
22       2.   To register pet food and specialty pet food, a person shall submit:  
23           a.   An application form at the time and in the manner required by the agriculture  
24               commissioner; and  
25           b.   A fee in the amount of one hundred twenty dollars.  
26       3.   To renew a registration required by this section, a person shall submit:  
27           a.   An application form at the time and in the manner required by the commissioner;  
28               and  
29           b.   A fee in the amount of one hundred dollars.

1       4.   A registration issued under this section is valid during the period beginning on January  
2       first of an even-numbered year and ending on December thirty-first of the ensuing  
3       odd-numbered year.

4       5.   If a person fails to renew a registration within thirty-one days of its expiration, that  
5       person must apply for an initial registration.

6       6.   Upon approving an application for an initial registration or a renewed registration, the  
7       commissioner shall furnish a certificate of registration to the applicant. A certificate of  
8       registration is not transferable.

9       7.   Any person violating this section is subject to a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each  
10      product that must be registered.

11      **4.1-41-06. Commercial feed - Label - Content.**

12      Except as provided in section 4.1-41-07, any commercial feed that is distributed in this state  
13      must be labeled. The label must include:

14      1.   The product's name, including any brand name under which the product is distributed;

15      2.   The product's weight, volume, or quantity, as appropriate;

16      3.   A guaranteed analysis expressed on an "as is" basis;

17      4.   Unless waived by the agriculture commissioner in the interest of consumers, the  
18      commonly accepted name of each ingredient or, if permitted by the commissioner, a  
19      collective term for a group of ingredients that perform a similar function;

20      5.   The name and principal mailing address of the manufacturer or the distributor;

21      6.   Directions for use of any commercial feed containing drugs; and

22      7.   Any precautionary statements recommended by the commissioner to ensure the safe  
23      and effective use of the feed.

24      **4.1-41-07. Customer-formula feed - Label - Content.**

25      Any customer-formula feed that is distributed in this state must be labeled.

26      1.   The label must include:

27          a.   The name and address of the manufacturer;

28          b.   The name and address of the purchaser;

29          c.   The date of delivery;

30          d.   The product's name;

1           e. The weight, volume, or quantity, as appropriate, of each ingredient, including  
2           commercial feed; and

3           f. Any precautionary statement recommended by the agriculture commissioner to  
4           ensure the safe and effective use of the feed.

5       2. If the feed contains drugs, the label must also include:

6           a. The purpose of each drug;

7           b. The weight, volume, or quantity, as appropriate, of each drug; and

8           c. The name of each active ingredient.

9       **4.1-41-08. Inspection fee.**

10      1. An inspection fee at the rate of twenty cents per ton [907.18 kilograms] is required for  
11      all commercial feed distributed in this state. The minimum fee payable under this  
12      section is ten dollars.

13      2. Subsection 1 does not apply if:

14           a. The fee was paid earlier in the year by another person;

15           b. The commercial feed is to be used in the manufacturing of a registered  
16           commercial feed;

17           c. The feed is a customer-formula feed and the fee has been paid on the  
18           commercial feeds used as ingredients; or

19           d. The manufacturer produces only customer-formula feed.

20      **4.1-41-09. Inspection fee - Responsibility for payment - Penalty.**

21      1. The person responsible for payment of the inspection fee is:

22           a. The manufacturer listed on the label;

23           b. The guarantor listed on the label; or

24           c. The distributor listed on the label.

25      2. Before the close of business on each February fifteenth, the person responsible for the  
26      payment of the inspection fee shall provide to the agriculture commissioner:

27           a. A sworn statement indicating the number of net tons [kilograms] of commercial  
28           feed, by class, which the person distributed in this state during the immediately  
29           preceding calendar year; and

30           b. The inspection fees due in accordance with this chapter.

1       3. If the person responsible for the payment of the inspection fee fails to submit the  
2       assessments as required by this section, the commissioner may impose a penalty  
3       equal to ten percent of the amount due, plus interest at the rate of six percent per  
4       annum from the due date. If imposed, a penalty under this section may not be less  
5       than ten dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars.

6       **4.1-41-10. Inspection fee - Records.**

- 7       1. The person responsible for payment of the inspection fee shall maintain, for a period  
8       of three years, records of all transactions necessary to verify the statement of tonnage  
9       required by section 4.1-41-09.
- 10      2. The person shall make the records required by this section available to the agriculture  
11      commissioner for examination upon request.
- 12      3. If the commissioner determines the records required by this section were not  
13      maintained accurately, the commissioner may cancel all licenses on file for the  
14      distributor.

15      **4.1-41-11. Adulteration.**

16      A person may not distribute any commercial feed that is adulterated.

- 17      1. Commercial feed is adulterated if it contains any poisonous or harmful substance that  
18      may render the feed injurious to health. However, if the substance naturally occurs in  
19      the feed, the commercial feed may be considered adulterated under this subsection  
20      only if the substance is present in sufficient quantity to render it injurious to health.
- 21      2. Commercial feed is adulterated if it contains any added substance that is poisonous,  
22      harmful, or nonnutritive, and unsafe within the meaning of section 406 of the Federal  
23      Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended [21 U.S.C. 346]. This subsection does not  
24      apply to any pesticide in or on a raw agricultural commodity or to a food additive.
- 25      3. Commercial feed is adulterated if it contains any food additive that is unsafe within the  
26      meaning of section 409 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended  
27      [21 U.S.C. 348].
- 28      4. a. Commercial feed is adulterated if it is a raw agricultural commodity and it  
29      contains a pesticide that is unsafe within the meaning of section 408a of the  
30      Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended [21 U.S.C. 346a].

- 1           b. However, if a pesticide has been used in or on a raw agricultural commodity in  
2           conformity with an exemption granted or a tolerance prescribed under  
3           section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended  
4           [21 U.S.C. 346a] and if the raw agricultural commodity has been subjected to a  
5           process such as canning, cooking, dehydration, freezing, or milling, any pesticide  
6           residue remaining in or on the processed feed may be deemed safe, provided:  
7           (1) The residue in or on the raw agricultural commodity has been removed to  
8           the extent possible in good manufacturing practice; and  
9           (2) The concentration of the residue in the processed feed is not greater than  
10           the tolerance prescribed for the raw agricultural commodity.  
11           c. The exception set forth in subdivision b does not apply if the consumption of the  
12           processed feed may result in the edible product of the animal evidencing a  
13           pesticide residue that is unsafe within the meaning of section 408a of the Federal  
14           Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended [21 U.S.C. 346a].  
15           5. Commercial feed is adulterated if it contains any color additive that is unsafe within the  
16           meaning of section 721 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended  
17           [21 U.S.C. 379e].  
18           6. Commercial feed is adulterated if it contains any new animal drug that is unsafe within  
19           the meaning of section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended  
20           [21 U.S.C. 360b].  
21           7. In addition to the foregoing subsections, commercial feed is adulterated if:  
22           a. Any valuable constituent has been omitted, in whole or in part, thereby providing  
23           a lower nutritive value in the finished product;  
24           b. The composition or quality of the feed falls below or differs from that which is  
25           stated on its label;  
26           c. The feed contains added hulls, screenings, straw, cobs, or other high fiber  
27           material, unless each material is stated on the label;  
28           d. The feed contains viable weed seeds in amounts exceeding the limits the  
29           commissioner establishes by rule;

- e. The feed contains a drug and the methods used in or the facilities or controls used for its manufacturing, processing, or packaging do not conform to current good manufacturing practice rules adopted by the commissioner;
- f. The feed consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance, or if the feed is otherwise unfit for its intended use;
- g. The feed has been prepared, packed, or held under unsanitary conditions that may have caused it to become contaminated with filth or rendered injurious to health;
- h. The feed consists in whole or in part of the product of a diseased animal or of an animal that has died otherwise than by slaughter which is unsafe within the meaning of section 402(a)(1) or (2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended [21 U.S.C. 342];
- i. The feed's container is composed, in whole or in part, of any poisonous or harmful substance that may render the contents injurious to health;
- j. The feed has been packaged in bags or totes that previously contained pesticide products, treated seeds, or other hazardous materials; or
- k. The feed has been intentionally subjected to radiation, unless the use of the radiation was in conformity with the regulation or exemption in effect pursuant to section 409 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended [21 U.S.C. 348].

**4.1-41-12. Misbranding.**

A person may not distribute any commercial feed that is misbranded. Commercial feed is misbranded if:

1. Its label is false or misleading;
2. It is distributed under the name of another commercial feed;
3. It is not labeled in accordance with this chapter;
4. It purports to be or is represented as being a commercial feed, or if it purports to contain or is represented as containing a commercial feed ingredient, unless the commercial feed or feed ingredient conforms to the definition of identity, if any, prescribed by rules of the agriculture commissioner; or

- 1        5. Any information required on the label is not prominently placed, with conspicuousness,  
2        so as to render it readable and comprehensible by an individual under customary  
3        conditions of purchase and use.

4        **4.1-41-13. Inspection, sampling, analysis.**

- 5        1. a. For purposes of enforcing this chapter, designated officers and employees of the  
6        agriculture commissioner may enter and inspect, during normal business hours,  
7        any factory, warehouse, or establishment in this state, in which commercial feeds  
8        are manufactured, processed, packed, or held for distribution, provided the  
9        individuals first present their credentials and written notice to the owner or  
10       manager.
- 11       b. For purposes of enforcing this chapter, designated officers and employees of the  
12       commissioner may enter and inspect any vehicle being used to transport or hold  
13       commercial feed, provided the individuals first present their credentials and  
14       written notice to the owner, manager, or driver.
- 15       2. Any inspection authorized under this section must take place at reasonable times,  
16       within reasonable limits, and in a reasonable manner. The inspection may include the  
17       verification of records and production and control procedures, as necessary to  
18       determine compliance with this chapter and rules implemented under this chapter.
- 19       3. A separate notice must be given for each authorized inspection. However, a separate  
20       notice is not required for each entry made during the period covered by the inspection.  
21       Each inspection must be commenced and completed with reasonable promptness.  
22       Upon completion of the inspection, the individual in charge of the facility or the  
23       individual in charge of the vehicle must be notified.
- 24       4. If the officer or employee making an inspection of a factory, warehouse, or other  
25       establishment has obtained a sample in the course of the inspection, upon completion  
26       of the inspection and prior to leaving the premises, the officer or employee shall give  
27       to the owner or manager a receipt describing the samples obtained.
- 28       5. If an officer or employee of the commissioner is denied entry as authorized by this  
29       section, the commissioner may obtain a warrant directing the owner or manager to  
30       submit the premises described in the warrant to inspection.



- 1       6. Any officer or employee of the commissioner authorized to enter any structure or  
2       vehicle in accordance with this section, may obtain samples and examine records  
3       relating to distribution of commercial feeds.
- 4       7. Sampling under this section must be conducted in accordance with generally  
5       recognized methods and any analysis of the samples taken must be conducted in  
6       accordance with generally recognized laboratory methods.
- 7       8. The commissioner shall forward the results of any sample analysis to the person  
8       named on the label and to the purchaser.
- 9       9. If an analysis indicates that a commercial feed has been adulterated or misbranded,  
10      within thirty days following receipt of the analysis, the person named on the label may  
11      request that the commissioner provide a portion of the sample.
- 12     10. In determining for administrative purposes whether a commercial feed is deficient in  
13      any component, the commissioner must be guided by the official sample.

14     **4.1-41-14. Detained commercial feeds.**

- 15     1. If the agriculture commissioner has reasonable cause to believe a lot of commercial  
16      feed is being distributed in violation of this chapter or any rules implementing this  
17      chapter, the commissioner may issue a "withdrawal from distribution" order, prohibiting  
18      the distributor from disposing of the lot until written permission is given by the  
19      commissioner or by a court. The commissioner shall release the lot of commercial  
20      feed when there has been compliance with this chapter and the rules implementing  
21      this chapter. If compliance is not obtained within thirty days, the commissioner may  
22      begin, or upon request of the distributor shall begin, proceedings for condemnation.
- 23     2. Any lot of commercial feed not in compliance with this chapter or rules implementing  
24      this chapter is subject to seizure on complaint of the commissioner to a court of  
25      competent jurisdiction. If the court finds the commercial feed to be in violation of this  
26      chapter or rules implementing this chapter and orders the condemnation of the  
27      commercial feed, it must be disposed of in any manner consistent with the quality of  
28      the commercial feed and the laws of the state. A court may not order disposition of the  
29      commercial feed without first giving the claimant an opportunity to apply for its release  
30      or for permission to process or relabel the commercial feed to bring it into compliance  
31      with this chapter and rules implementing this chapter.

1       **4.1-41-15. Penalties.**

- 2       1. It is a class A misdemeanor for any person to violate this chapter, the rules  
3       implementing this chapter, or impeding, obstructing, hindering, preventing, or  
4       attempting to prevent the agriculture commissioner from performing the  
5       commissioner's duties in connection with this chapter. In all prosecutions under this  
6       chapter involving the composition of a lot of commercial feed, a certified copy of the  
7       official analysis signed by the person performing the analysis, or that person's  
8       authorized agent, must be accepted as prima facie evidence of the composition.  
9       2. This chapter does not require the commissioner to seek prosecution or take any other  
10      legal action based on minor violations of the chapter if the commissioner deems the  
11      public interest will be best served by a suitable written warning.  
12      3. Each state's attorney to whom any violation is reported shall institute appropriate  
13      proceedings to be prosecuted in a court of competent jurisdiction without delay. Before  
14      the commissioner reports a violation for prosecution, the commissioner shall provide  
15      an opportunity for the distributor to show cause why the violation should not be  
16      reported for prosecution.  
17      4. The commissioner may apply for and the court may grant a temporary or permanent  
18      injunction restraining any person from violating or continuing to violate this chapter or  
19      any rule implementing this chapter. An injunction must be issued without bond.  
20      5. Any person adversely affected by an act, order, or ruling made pursuant to this chapter  
21      may within forty-five days appeal the action to the district court for Burleigh County.

22      **4.1-41-16. Publications.**

- 23      1. The agriculture commissioner may publish information regarding commercial feeds,  
24      including their production, sales, and use, and publish a comparison of the analyses of  
25      official samples of commercial feeds sold in this state with the analyses guaranteed in  
26      their registration and on their label.  
27      2. Information regarding the production and use of commercial feeds may not disclose  
28      the operations of any person.

1       **4.1-41-17. Cooperation with other entities.**

2       The commissioner may cooperate with and enter into agreements with governmental  
3 agencies of this state, other states, the federal government, and private associations to carry  
4 out this chapter.

5       **4.1-41-18. Certificates - Fees.**

6       The agriculture commissioner may:

- 7       1. Implement a program to inspect, audit, and certify commercial feed manufacturing and  
8 distribution facilities, at the request of an owner;  
9       2. Issue commercial feed export certificates; and  
10      3. Establish a schedule of fees for the services provided under this section.

11      **4.1-41-19. Deposit of fees.**

12      The commissioner shall forward all inspection fees, license fees, and registration fees  
13 received under this chapter to the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit the first  
14 seven hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars of fees received under this chapter  
15 each biennium in the environment and rangeland protection fund and any remaining fees in the  
16 general fund.

17      **SECTION 8.** Chapter 4.1-53 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
18 follows:

19      **4.1-53-01. Definitions.**

20      As used in this chapter:

- 21      1. "Livestock medicine" means all devices, remedies, cures, tonics, powders, proprietary  
22 medicines, type A medicated articles, and similar preparations for the treatment or  
23 prevention of any disease of livestock, poultry, or other domestic animals which are  
24 administered internally for their stimulating, invigorating, curative, or other than  
25 nutritive powers, and also all powders, sprays, dips, and other preparations for  
26 external use in the curing of scab or the eradication of ticks, lice, and other mites and  
27 parasites on livestock, poultry, or other domestic animals. The term does not include  
28 medicines that are manufactured, sold, or recommended primarily for human use.  
29      2. "Type A medicated article" means a product with standardized potency containing one  
30 or more new animal drugs intended for use in the manufacture of another medicated  
31 article or a medicated feed.

1       **4.1-53-02. Registration of livestock medicine.**

2       The commissioner shall register any livestock medicine that does not violate this chapter,  
3 upon the completion of an application by the manufacturer or distributor of the livestock  
4 medicine and the payment of the registration fee prescribed in section 4.1-53-04. Registration of  
5 livestock medicine is valid for a two-year period beginning July first and ending June thirtieth of  
6 every even-numbered year unless it is canceled by the commissioner because a change is  
7 made in the ingredients or formula of the livestock medicine or in the name, brand, or trademark  
8 under which the medicine is sold. In the event of any change, the medicine must be registered  
9 once again through an original application with the commissioner.

10       The certificate of registration must include a disclosure of the name and quantity or  
11 proportion of each active ingredient and the names of the inert ingredients or fillers.

12       **4.1-53-03. Regulations for sale.**

13       A person may not sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, or possess with the intent to sell, any  
14 livestock medicine:

- 15       1. That is sold under a name, brand, trademark, or labeling that is misleading, deceptive,  
16 false, or dangerous to animals under the conditions of use prescribed in the labeling or  
17 advertising;
- 18       2. That purports to cure any infectious disease of domestic animals for which no genuine  
19 cure is known;
- 20       3. That has not been registered by the commissioner for sale in this state;
- 21       4. That does not have printed or written upon the label of each package sold at retail, in  
22 type not less than one-fourth the size of the largest type on the package:
  - 23       a. The common name, in English, of all active ingredients in the order of their  
24 predominance in the product;
  - 25       b. A statement of the actual percentage or relative amounts of each ingredient  
26 active and inert, unless exemptions are established by rules adopted by the  
27 commissioner;
  - 28       c. The net contents, by weight, measure, or numerical count of the package;
  - 29       d. The name and principal address of the manufacturer or person responsible for  
30 placing the livestock medicine on the market; and
  - 31       e. Complete and explicit directions for use of the medicine.

1        5. If the contents of the package as originally manufactured have been removed in whole  
2        or in part, and other contents have been placed in the package.

3        **4.1-53-04. Registration fee.**

4        A registration fee of forty dollars must be paid to the commissioner for each livestock  
5        medicine that is registered prior to each two-year registration ending June thirtieth of every  
6        even-numbered year. An application for registration which is received by the commissioner after  
7        July thirty-first of the year in which the application is due must be assessed an additional late  
8        registration fee of ten dollars.

9        **4.1-53-05. Commissioner may cancel registration.**

10       The commissioner may cancel the registration of any livestock medicine that is sold in  
11       violation of this chapter.

12       **4.1-53-06. Commissioner may adopt rules, take testimony, grant public hearings.**

13       The commissioner may adopt rules under chapter 28-32, governing applications for  
14       registration, the submission of samples for analysis, and all other matters necessary to give  
15       effect to this chapter. The commissioner may take expert and other testimony and, upon  
16       request, shall grant a public hearing prior to the cancellation of a registration and also to any  
17       manufacturer or distributor whose request for registration of any livestock medicine has been  
18       denied.

19       **4.1-53-07. Enforcement.**

20       The commissioner shall enforce this chapter through inspection, chemical analysis, and any  
21       other appropriate method. All samples for analysis must be taken from stocks held within, or  
22       intended for sale in, this state. The commissioner may require any manufacturer or distributor  
23       applying for registration of a livestock medicine to supply samples of the medicine for analysis.  
24       The commissioner may institute any action at law or in equity as may appear necessary to  
25       enforce compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and in addition to any other remedy, may  
26       apply to the district court for relief by injunction, mandamus, or any other appropriate remedy in  
27       equity. In such actions, the commissioner is not required to give or post bond in any action to  
28       which the commissioner is a party whether upon appeal or otherwise.

29       **4.1-53-08. Penalty - Criminal - Civil.**

30       It is a class B misdemeanor for any person to willfully violate a provision of this chapter or  
31       any rule adopted under this chapter, or who willfully and falsely represents that any livestock

1 medicine is registered for sale in this state. A person who violates a provision of this chapter or  
2 a rule adopted under this chapter is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars  
3 per violation. Each day of noncompliance constitutes a separate violation for purposes of  
4 penalty assessments. The civil penalty may be imposed by a court in a civil proceeding or by  
5 the commissioner through an administrative hearing under chapter 28-32.

6 **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-01-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **23-01-25. Commercial feed, insecticide, fungicide, rodenticide, fertilizer, and soil**  
9 **conditioner laws - Laboratory function.**

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any laboratory test or analysis required under  
11 chapter ~~19-13-14.1-41~~, 19-18, or 19-20.1 must be performed by the state department of health  
12 for the agriculture commissioner at no charge.

13 **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-21-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **36-21-01. ~~Regulations governing fraudulent~~Fraudulent registration or representation**  
16 **of purebred livestock - Penalty.**

17 ~~Any~~It is a class B misdemeanor for a person who shall to:

- 18 1. ~~Fraudulently~~ represent any animal ~~to be~~as purebred;
- 19 2. Post or publish, or cause to be posted or published, any false pedigree or certificate;
- 20 3. Procure by fraud, false pretense, or misrepresentation, the registration of any animal  
21 ~~which is to be used for service, sale, or exchange in this state, for the purpose of~~  
22 ~~deception as to the animal's pedigree thereof;~~
- 23 4. Sell, or otherwise dispose of, any animal as a purebred when the person knows or has  
24 reason to believe that the animal is not the offspring of a regularly registered purebred  
25 sire and dam; or
- 26 5. Sell, or otherwise dispose of, any animal as a registered purebred ~~by the use of~~using  
27 a false pedigree or certificate of registration;
- 28 ~~is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.~~

29 **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-21-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
30 amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **36-21-10. Dogs, wolves, and coyotes worrying livestock or poultry may be killed.**

2       Any person ~~may kill~~who kills any dog, wolf, or coyote kept as a domestic animal is not liable  
3 in any civil action to the owner of the animal:

- 4       1.    When the person sees such animal in the act of killing, chasing, worrying, or damaging  
5            any livestock or poultry; or  
6       2.    When the person discovers ~~such animal under circumstances which satisfactorily~~  
7            ~~show~~evidence that the animal recently ~~it has been engaged in killing~~killed or  
8            ~~chasing~~chased sheep.

9       ~~A person who kills any dog, wolf, or coyote under conditions specified in this section is not liable~~  
10 ~~in any civil action to the owner of such animal.~~

11       **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-21-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13       **36-21-11. ~~Owners of dogs liable~~Liability for damages done to livestock –~~Procedure~~**  
14 **~~when damages done by pack of dogs.~~**

15       The owner of any dog ~~which~~that kills, wounds, or chases any sheep or other domestic  
16 animal or poultry belonging to another person is liable to ~~such other~~that person for all resulting  
17 ~~damages caused thereby.~~ If ~~one or more of several dogs which are~~than one dog, owned by  
18 different persons, participates in the killing, wounding, or chasing of sheep or other domestic  
19 animals or poultry ~~while running together~~, the owners of the respective dogs ~~so running together~~  
20 may be sued jointly, and a joint verdict and judgment may be rendered against ~~the owners of~~  
21 ~~such dogs~~the owners. If one or more of the defendants pays such a joint judgment and if the  
22 damages committed by the dogs may be prorated, the payor or payors may ~~have~~receive  
23 contribution from the defendants who have not paid ~~in an appropriate action in which the~~  
24 ~~respective damages committed by the several dogs running together may be prorated.~~ No  
25 exemption is allowed to any person against whom a judgment is entered under the provisions of  
26 this section.

27       **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-21-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29       **36-21-12. Killing of livestock by railroad is prima facie evidence of negligence.**

30       The killing or damaging of any livestock by a railroad car or locomotive is prima facie  
31 evidence of ~~carelessness and negligence on the part of~~by the railway company or corporation.

1       **SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-21-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **36-21-13. Exemplary damages for wrongful injuries to domestic animals.**

4       Exemplary damages may be ~~given to the owner of any animal~~applied for any wrongful injury  
5 ~~thereto when such injury is to an animal~~ committed willfully or by gross negligence.

6       **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-21-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8       **36-21-15. Sale of livestock by weight.**

9       All livestock sold by weight at any public market must be sold subject to the weight at the  
10 place of sale on the day sold by the auctioneer.

11       **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-21-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13       **36-21-18. Title to property to remain in market with seller until settlement made.**

14       ~~Before any~~Any person, association, copartnership, firm, corporation, or limited liability-  
15 company may become a purchaser that purchases livestock at any sale conducted by an  
16 auction market established under the laws of this state, ~~such prospective purchaser must file~~  
17 ~~satisfactory evidence with the operator of such auction market that any~~pay for the livestock with  
18 cash, check, draft, or bill of exchange issued and delivered to such auction market in payment  
19 of any livestock purchased shall be honored by the drawee bank any other method of payment  
20 generally accepted by financial institutions in this state. For a noncash purchase and transfer of  
21 title to be valid, the financial institution of the purchaser shall honor the payment at the time of  
22 presentation for payment, ~~and until such check, draft, or other bill of exchange has been duly~~  
23 ~~honored and paid, the title to the livestock so purchased is in the auction market making such~~  
24 sale.

25       **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-21-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27       **36-21-19. Equine processing assessment - Continuing appropriation - Provision of**  
28 **grants.**

29       1. For each equine processed at an equine processing facility in this state, the owner of  
30 the facility shall ~~submit~~remit to the agriculture commissioner, at the time and in the  
31 manner directed by the commissioner, an assessment in the amount of five dollars.



1           The commissioner shall forward the assessment to the state treasurer for deposit of  
2           the first fifty thousand dollars in the state general fund and any additional amount in  
3           the equine processing fund.

4           2. All moneys in the equine processing fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to the  
5           agriculture commissioner to be used ~~as follows~~to:

6           a. ~~The agriculture commissioner shall return to the state general fund the fifty-~~  
7           ~~thousand dollars appropriated to the department of commerce for the equine-~~  
8           ~~processing facility feasibility study.~~

9           b. ~~Upon completion of the requirement set forth in subdivision a, the commissioner-~~  
10          ~~shall:~~

11          (1) Provide an annual grant equaling forty percent of any assessments  
12          collected to Dickinson state university in support of the equine management  
13          program;

14          (2)b. Provide an annual grant equaling forty percent of any assessments collected to  
15          North Dakota state university in support of the equine studies program; and

16          (3)c. Provide an annual grant equaling twenty percent of any assessments collected to  
17          public or private entities conducting equine research or offering hippotherapy to  
18          individuals with disabilities.

19          **SECTION 18. REPEAL.** Chapters 19-13.1, 19-14, 36-05, 36-05.1, 36-06, 36-07, section  
20          36-21-05, and chapter 36-24 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.