

**CHAPTER 7-13-04
CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING AND PROCESSING**

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7-13-04-01. Marking of products.

All custom-exempt plants are required to mark all custom-exempt meat and meat food products, other than poultry, with the words "NOT FOR SALE", stamped in block letters. The letters must be at least three-eighths of one inch [0.95 centimeter] in height. Custom slaughtered poultry must be marked with the owner's or processor's name and address and the statement "Exempted - P.L. 90-492." Stamps, brands, and marks for custom-exempt meat and meat food product identification must be preapproved by the department.

1. Each side, quarter, or other part of a carcass, including detached organs or custom slaughtered or custom processed animals, not including poultry, must be legibly marked immediately after slaughter or, if the animal is not slaughtered at the plant, at the time the meat enters the plant for processing.
2. All boxes, cartons, packages, or containers of custom processed meat or meat food products, not including poultry, must be marked at the time of packaging with the name of the facility, or the registration number assigned by the department, with the words "NOT FOR SALE" at least three-eighths of one inch [0.95 centimeter] in height set forth in block letters.
3. All boxes, cartons, packages, or containers of custom slaughtered poultry or poultry food products must be marked at the time of packaging with the name and address of the owner or processor and the statement "Exempted - P.L. 90-492."

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General Authority: NDCC 4.1-31-04

Law Implemented: NDCC 4.1-31-04, 4.1-31-07

7-13-04-02. Prohibited sales.

A person or slaughtering establishment, meat processing establishment, or custom-exempt plant that is required to be inspected pursuant to North Dakota Century Code chapter 4.1-31 to operate under this chapter may not offer for sale or for barter any noninspected carcasses or parts of carcasses.

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General Authority: NDCC 4.1-31-24

Law Implemented: NDCC 4.1-31-06

7-13-04-03. Farm slaughter and game animals.

Animals slaughtered on the farm, or game animals, may be processed at facilities under the same provisions as custom slaughtering or processing, provided that such animal carcasses are clean and wholesome and are handled, stored, and prepared so as to prevent the contamination of other food products handled, stored, or prepared at the plant. A person may not offer for sale or barter any meat, meat byproduct, or any meat food product slaughtered or processed in this method.

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General Authority: NDCC 4.1-31-11, 4.1-31-12, 4.1-31-24

Law Implemented: NDCC 4.1-31-10, 4.1-31-11

7-13-04-04. Sanitary requirements.

A person or facility may not conduct custom slaughtering, custom processing, or custom-exempt operations unless such operations are conducted in accordance with the sanitary requirements under title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 303 and 381.

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General Authority: NDCC 4.1-31-24

Law Implemented: NDCC 4.1-31-11