

Any violation of this section or of the regulations lawfully promulgated thereunder shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300 or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days, and/or cancelation of license.

Penalty for violation.

This Act shall become effective sixty days after final passage.

Effective date.

Approved, June 29, 1938.

[CHAPTER 810]

AN ACT

To amend the Meat Inspection Act of March 4, 1907, as amended and extended, with respect to its application to farmers, retail butchers, and retail dealers.

June 29, 1938
[H. R. 8047]
[Public, No. 776]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Meat Inspection Act of March 4, 1907, as amended and extended, is amended by substituting for the concluding paragraph thereof the following:

Meat Inspection Act of March 4, 1907, amendments.
34 Stat. 1260.
21 U. S. C. § 71.

“That within the meaning of this Act—

Meaning of terms.

“(a) A ‘farmer’ means any person or partnership chiefly engaged in producing agricultural products on whose farm the number of cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, swine, or goats is in keeping with the size of the farm or with the volume or character of the agricultural products produced thereon, but does not mean any person or partnership engaged in producing agricultural products who—

“Farmer.”

“(1) actively engages in buying or trading in cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, swine, or goats; or

“(2) actively engages, directly or indirectly, in conducting a business which includes the slaughter of cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, swine, or goats for food purposes; or

“(3) actively engages, directly or indirectly, in buying or selling meat or meat food products other than those prepared by any farmer on the farm; or

“(4) actively engages, directly or indirectly, in salting, curing, or canning meat, or in preparing sausage, lard, or other meat food products; or

“(5) slaughters, or permits any person to slaughter, on his or their farm cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, swine, or goats which are not actually owned by him or them.

“(b) A ‘retail butcher’ means any person, partnership, association, or corporation chiefly engaged in selling meat or meat food products to consumers only, except that the Secretary of Agriculture, at his discretion, may permit any retail butcher to transport in interstate or foreign commerce to consumers and meat retailers in any one week not more than five carcasses of cattle, twenty-five carcasses of calves, twenty carcasses of sheep, twenty-five carcasses of lambs, ten carcasses of swine, twenty carcasses of goats, or twenty-five carcasses of goat kids, or the equivalent of fresh meat therefrom, and to transport in interstate or foreign commerce to consumers only meat and meat food products which have been salted, cured, canned, or prepared as sausage, lard, or other meat food products, and which have not been inspected, examined, and marked as ‘Inspected and Passed’ in accordance with the terms of the Meat Inspection Act of March 4, 1907, and Acts supplemental thereto, and with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

“Retail butcher.”

“(c) A ‘retail dealer’ means any person, partnership, association, or corporation chiefly engaged in selling meat or meat food products to consumers only except that the Secretary of Agriculture, at his discretion, may permit any retail dealer to transport in interstate trade or foreign commerce to consumers and meat retailers in any

“Retail dealer.”

one week not more than five carcasses of cattle, twenty-five carcasses of calves, twenty carcasses of sheep, twenty-five carcasses of lambs, ten carcasses of swine, twenty carcasses of goats, or twenty-five carcasses of goat kids, or the equivalent of fresh meat therefrom, and to transport in interstate or foreign commerce to consumers only meat and meat food products which have been salted, cured, canned, or prepared as sausage, lard, or other meat food products which have not been inspected, examined, and marked as 'Inspected and Passed' in accordance with the terms of the Meat Inspection Act of March 4, 1907, and Acts supplemental thereto, and with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

"That the provisions of the Meat Inspection Act of March 4, 1907, requiring inspection to be made by the Secretary of Agriculture shall not apply to animals slaughtered by any farmer on the farm and sold and transported in interstate or foreign commerce, nor to retail butchers and retail dealers in meat and meat food products, supplying their customers: *Provided*, That all meat and meat food products derived from animals slaughtered by any farmer on the farm which are salted, cured, canned, or prepared into sausage, lard, or other meat food products at any place other than by the farmer on the farm upon which the animals were slaughtered shall not be transported in interstate or foreign commerce under the farmers' exemption herein provided, and all fresh meat and all farm-cured or prepared meat and meat food products derived from animals slaughtered by any farmer on the farm which are to be used in interstate or foreign commerce shall be clearly marked with the name and address of the farmer on whose farm the animals were slaughtered: *Provided further*, That if any person shall sell or offer for sale or transportation for interstate or foreign commerce any meat or meat food products which are diseased, unsound, unhealthful, unwholesome, or otherwise unfit for human food, knowing that such meat food products are intended for human consumption, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment for a period of not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to maintain the inspection in this Act provided for at any slaughtering, meat canning, salting, packing, rendering, or similar establishment notwithstanding this exception, and that the persons operating the same may be retail butchers and retail dealers or farmers; and where the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish such inspection then the provisions of this Act shall apply notwithstanding this exception."

Approved, June 29, 1938.

[CHAPTER 811]

AN ACT

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, by amending certain provisions of part II of said Act, otherwise known as the Motor Carrier Act, 1935.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is hereby further amended in part II thereof by amending, as hereinafter indicated, certain provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, by providing for the regulation of the transportation of passengers and property by motor carriers operating in interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes, approved August 9, 1935, and known as the Motor Carrier Act, 1935.

Exemptions as to farmers, retail butchers and retail dealers.

Provisos.
Products prohibited interstate commerce transportation.

Marking requirements.

Penalty for sale of products unfit for human food.

Inspection.

June 29, 1938

[H. R. 9739]

[Public, No. 777]

Motor Carrier Act,
1935, amendments.
49 Stat. 543.
49 U. S. C., Supp.
III, ch. 8.