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No. Multiple people can own the animal and still qualify for the personal use exemption.

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Thank you for your response Michael, our main concern was the multiple owners of one animal claiming the personal use exemption. Does that change anything?

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Hi Randy:

The scenarios allowed by the draft legislation, i.e. slaughter on the farm by the purchaser(s) or by a hired itinerant slaughterer (not the farmer), qualify as personal use exemptions. So, the legislation would not affect Vermont's "at least equal to" status.

Thanks.

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Hi Randy:

Ignore my previous email. I misread the email chain and assumed this was a custom slaughter situation and it's not. I'll get back to you shortly.

Thanks and sorry for any confusion.

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Hi Randy:

In regard to sanitation, the draft legislation says several times that the custom slaughter in question must be performed "under sanitary conditions." If that means compliance with requirements at least equal to the FSIS sanitation performance standards applicable to custom slaughter, then I think it's okay.

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Hi Michael and Melissa, Peter Duryea informed me that he forwarded our issue to you and we are hoping to have an answer for tomorrow when I have to testify to legislature tomorrow afternoon! I have attached an email chain which sums up where we are at, please let us know as soon as you can or contact me if there are questions. Thank you

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