

1 Sec. 1. 6 V.S.A. § 3311a is amended to read:

2 § 3311a. LIVESTOCK; INSPECTION; LICENSING; PERSONAL
3 SLAUGHTER; ITINERANT SLAUGHTER

4 (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) “Assist in the slaughter of livestock” means the act of slaughtering
6 or butchering an animal and shall not mean the farmer’s provision of a site on
7 the farm for slaughter, provision of implements for slaughter, or the service of
8 disposal of the carcass or offal from slaughter.

9 (2) “Sanitary conditions” means a site on a farm that is:

10 (A) clean and free of contaminants; and

11 (B) located or designed in a way to prevent:

12 (i) the occurrence of water pollution; and

13 (ii) the adulteration of the livestock or the slaughtered meat.

14 (b) The requirement for a license under section 3306 of this title or for
15 inspection under this chapter shall not apply to the slaughter by an owner of
16 livestock that the owner raised for the owner’s exclusive use or for the use of
17 members of his or her household and his or her nonpaying guests and
18 employees.

19 (c) The requirement for a license under section 3306 of this title or for
20 inspection under this chapter shall not apply to the slaughter of livestock that
21 occurs in a manner that meets all of the following requirements:

1 (1) A person or persons purchases livestock from a farmer who raised
2 the livestock.

3 (2) The farmer is registered with the Secretary, on a form provided by
4 the Secretary, as selling livestock for slaughter under this subsection.

5 (3) The individual or individuals who purchased the livestock performs
6 the act of slaughtering the livestock, as the owner of the livestock.

7 (4) The act of slaughter occurs, after approval from the farmer who sold
8 the livestock, on a site on the farm where the livestock was purchased.

9 (5) The slaughter is conducted under sanitary conditions.

10 (6) The farmer who sold the livestock to the individual or individuals
11 does not assist in the slaughter of the livestock.

12 (7) Not more than the following number of livestock per year are
13 slaughtered under this subsection:

14 (A) ~~15~~ 30 swine;

15 (B) ~~five~~ 10 cattle;

16 (C) ~~40~~ 80 sheep or goats; or

17 (D) any combination of swine, cattle, sheep, or goats, provided that
18 not more than ~~6,000~~ 12,000 pounds of the live weight of livestock are
19 slaughtered per year.

20 (8) The farmer who sold the livestock to the individual or individuals
21 maintains a record of each slaughter conducted under this subsection and

1 reports quarterly to the Secretary, on a form provided by the Secretary, on or
2 before April 15 for the calendar quarter ending March 31, on or before July 15
3 for the calendar quarter ending June 30, on or before October 15 for the
4 calendar quarter ending September 30, and on or before January 15 for the
5 calendar quarter ending December 31. If a farmer fails to report slaughter
6 activity conducted under this subsection, the Secretary, in addition to any
7 enforcement action available under this chapter or chapter 1 of this title, may
8 suspend the authority of the farmer to sell animals to an individual or
9 individuals for slaughter under this subsection.

10 (9) The slaughtered livestock may be halved or quartered by the
11 individual or individuals who purchased the livestock but solely for the
12 purpose of transport from the farm.

13 (10) The livestock is slaughtered according to a humane method, as that
14 term is defined in subdivision 3131(6) of this title.

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16 Sec. 2. 6 V.S.A. § 3311b is added to read:

17 § 3311b. ANIMAL SHARE; SLAUGHTER; INSPECTION

18 (a) As used in this section, “animal share” means an ownership interest in
19 an animal or herd of livestock created by a written contract between a
20 consumer and a farmer that includes a bill of sale to the consumer for an
21 ownership interest in the animal or herd and a boarding provision under which

1 the consumer boards the animal or herd with the farmer for care and processing
2 and the consumer is entitled to receive a share of meat from the animal or herd.

3 (b) The requirement for a license under section 3306 of this title or for
4 inspection under this chapter shall not apply to the slaughter of livestock and
5 provision of meat when the livestock is slaughtered and the meat provided
6 pursuant to an animal share.

7 (c) The provision of meat pursuant to an animal share shall comply with all
8 of the following:

9 (1) The animal share is entered into and ownership of the animal is
10 established prior to slaughter;

11 (2) The meat is provided by a farmer who owns or controls the farm
12 where an animal or herd subject to the animal share is located;

13 (3) The meat is received by the owner of the animal share;

14 (4) The meat provided is obtained from the particular animal or herd
15 subject to the animal share.

16 (5) A prominent warning statement that the meat has not been inspected
17 is delivered to the consumer with the meat or is displayed on a label affixed to
18 the meat packaging; and

19 (6) Information describing the standards used by the farm with respect
20 to herd health, and in the processing of meat from the herd, is provided to the
21 consumer by the farmer.

1 (d) A person who obtains meat under this section shall not sell, donate, or
2 commercially redistribute the meat.

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