

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 5: ANIMALS, PLANTS AND FOOD

§ 5327. Importation of Meat Products, Frozen Semen, Garbage, Animal Byproducts, Bedding Material and Certain Feedstuffs.

(a) It is unlawful to import fresh, chilled, frozen and/or unprocessed meat or carcass of any kind, including birds and poultry, from any part of the world into the Commonwealth, except from the continental United States, Hawaii, Guam, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and any other country, state or territory allowed by the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

(b) Meat or poultry permitted entry by the chief shall comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations pertaining to meat and poultry inspection, as provided for by the Federal Meat Inspection Act [21 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.], the Wholesome Meat Act [21 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.], the Poultry Products Inspection Act [21 U.S.C. § 451 et seq.], and other applicable federal laws.

(c) It is unlawful to import semen or living animal serum produced in any part of the world into the Commonwealth except from the continental United States, Hawaii, and Guam. An animal quarantine permit is required as a condition of entry of frozen semen and living animal serum, and must further be accompanied by such certificates as may be required in the permit. Any animal semen imported must be certified free of venereal and genital diseases, including the donor animals, by an accredited veterinarian of the place of origin. Unless the entry conditions and requirements stated on the import permit are fully complied with, the shipment shall be refused entry.

(d) Dried, cured, cooked and other processed or manufactured meat and meat products are prohibited entry except from the continental United States, Hawaii, Guam, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The above products shall be accompanied by adequate proof of origin, including invoices or sales slips, specifying the amount of purchase made and the dates thereof.

(e) Canned meat products from countries, areas or territories that have or are infected with exotic Newcastle disease, African swine fever, hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, rinderpests and foot-and-mouth disease may be imported for personal consumption in quantities of 50 pounds or less; provided, that the canned meat products have all been fully cooked by a commercial method in containers hermetically sealed promptly after filling but before the cooking, so that the cooking and sealing produce a fully sterilized product which is shelf stable without refrigeration; and provided, further, that the products are accompanied by an official and valid original certificates issued by a responsible animal health official or meat inspector of the animal health or industry division or meat inspection office of the place or country of origin, certifying that the products were prepared and processed in the manner and conditions as described above.

(f) All garbage from surface vessels and aircrafts must be held on board the ship or plane while in port, incinerated in a United States Department of Agriculture-approved disposal facility under supervision of an authorized inspector, or dumped into the ocean at least 12 miles beyond the nearest outer reef. All garbage on board a vessel or aircraft shall be contained in tight, leakproof containers, be kept inside the vessel guardrail, and shall not be unloaded unless

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contained in tight, leakproof containers and sent to an approved disposal facility under general supervision of an authorized inspector.

(g) All other animal products and byproducts, including trophies, bloodmeal, blood albumin, bones, horns, hoofs, feathers on skin, gluestock, hides, and skins, organs and glands, tankage, wool, hair, bristles, ossein, casings, dairy products, pharmaceuticals, biologicals, etc., as well as straw, hay and grass, shall be governed and regulated by the provisions of Title 9 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Subchapter D, Parts 92, 94, 95 and 96.

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