

**§ 320.1 Records required to be kept.**

(a) Every person (including every firm or corporation) within any of the classes specified in paragraph (a) (1), (2), or (3) of this section is required by the Act to keep records which will fully and correctly disclose all transactions involved in his or its business subject to the Act:

(1) Any person that engages, for commerce, in the business of slaughtering any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines, or preparing, freezing, packaging, or labeling any carcasses, or parts or products of carcasses, of any such animals, for use as human food or animal food;

(2) Any person that engages in the business of buying or selling (as a meat broker, wholesaler, or otherwise), or transporting in commerce, or storing in or for commerce, or importing, any carcasses, or parts or products of carcasses, of any such animals;

(3) Any person that engages in business, in or for commerce, as a renderer, or engages in the business of buying, selling, or transporting in commerce, or importing, any dead, dying, disabled, or diseased cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, or other equines, or parts of the carcasses of any such animals that died otherwise than by slaughter.

(b) The required records are:

(1) Records, such as bills of sale, invoices, bills of lading, and receiving and shipping papers, giving the following information with respect to each transaction in which any livestock or carcass, part thereof, meat or meat food product is purchased, sold, shipped, received, transported, or otherwise handled by said person in connection with any business subject to the Act:

(i) The name or description of the livestock or article;

(ii) The net weight of the livestock or article;

(iii) The number of outside containers (if any);

(iv) The name and address of the buyer of livestock or article sold by such person, and the name and address of the seller of livestock or articles purchased by such person;

(v) The name and address of the consignee or receiver (if other than the buyer);

(vi) The method of shipment;

(vii) The date of shipment; and

(viii) The name and address of the carrier.

(ix) In the case of a person belonging to the class specified in paragraph (a)(1), and engaged, for commerce, in the business of slaughtering any swine for use as human or animal food, the name and address (including the city and state, or the township, county, and state) of each person from whom the person belonging to the class so specified purchased or otherwise obtained each swine, and the telephone number, if available, of the person from whom the swine were purchased or otherwise obtained, and all serial numbers and other approved means of identification appearing on all test swine selected at antemortem inspection by FSIS representatives for residue testing.

(2) Shipper's certificates and permits required to be kept by shippers and carriers of articles under part 325 of this subchapter.

(3) A record of seal numbers required to be kept by consignees of inedible products shipped under unofficial seals under §325.11(b) or (e) of this subchapter, and a record of new consignees of inedible products diverted under §325.11(e) of this subchapter.

(4) [Reserved]

(5) Guaranties provided by suppliers of packaging materials under §317.20.

(6) Records of canning as required by subpart G of this subchapter A, 9 CFR chapter III.

(7) Sample results and calculation results as required by processing procedures to destroy trichinae in §318.10(c)(3)(iv) (Methods 5 and 6).

(8) Records of nutrition labeling as required by subpart B, part 317, of this subchapter.

(9) Records as required in §318.23(b) and (c).

(10) Records of calcium content in meat derived from advanced meat/bone separation machinery and meat recovery systems as required by §318.24 of this subchapter.

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(11) Records of all labeling, along with the product formulation and processing procedures, as prescribed in §317.4 and §317.5.

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### § 320.2 Place of maintenance of records.

Every person engaged in any business described in §320.1 and required by this part to keep records shall maintain such records at the place where such business is conducted except that if such person conducts such business at multiple locations, he may maintain such records at his headquarters' office. When not in actual use, all such records shall be kept in a safe place at the prescribed location in accordance with good commercial practices.

### § 320.3 Record retention period.

(a) Every record required to be maintained under this part shall be retained for a period of 2 years after December 31 of the year in which the transaction to which the record relates has occurred and for such further period as the Administrator may require for purposes of any investigation or litigation under the Act, by written notice to the person required to keep such records under this part.

(b) Records of canning as required in subpart G of this subchapter A, 9 CFR chapter III, shall be retained as required in §318.307(e); except that records required by §318.302 (b) and (c) shall be retained as required by those sections.

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### § 320.4 Access to and inspection of records, facilities and inventory; copying and sampling.

Every person (including every firm or corporation) within any of the classes

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specified in §320.1 shall upon the presentation of official credentials by any duly authorized representative of the Secretary, during ordinary business hours, permit such representative to enter his or its place of business and examine the records required to be kept by §320.1 and the process schedules, facilities and inventory pertaining to the business of such person subject to the Act, and to copy all such records and to take reasonable samples of the inventory upon payment of the fair market value therefor. Any necessary facilities (other than reproduction equipment) for such examination and copying of records and for such examination and sampling of inventory shall be afforded to such authorized representative of the Secretary.

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### § 320.5 Registration.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, every person that engages in business in or for commerce, as a meat broker, renderer, or animal food manufacturer, or engages in business in commerce as a wholesaler of any carcasses, or parts or products of the carcasses, or any livestock, whether intended for human food or other purposes, or engages in business as a public warehouseman storing any such articles in or for commerce, or engages in the business of buying, selling, or transporting in commerce, or importing, any dead, dying, disabled, or diseased livestock, or parts of the carcasses of any such livestock that died otherwise than by slaughter, shall register with the Administrator, giving such information as is required, including his name, and the address of each place of business at which, and all trade names under which he conducts such business, by filing with the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, a form containing such information within 90 days after the effective date hereof or after such later date as he begins to engage in such business if not engaged therein upon said effective date. All information submitted shall be current and correct. The registration form shall be obtained from the Compliance