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§ 352.1 Definitions.

The definitions in §301.2, not otherwise defined in this part, are incorporated into this part. In addition to those definitions, the following definitions will be applicable to the regulations in this part.

(a) *Act* means the applicable provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (60 Stat. 1087, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*).

(b) *Acceptable* means suitable for the purpose intended and acceptable to the Food Safety and Inspection Service.

(c) *Antelope* means any animal belonging to the antelope family.

(d) *Applicant* means any interested party who requests any inspection service.

(e) *Bison* means any American bison or catalo or cattalo.

(f) *Buffalo* means any animal belonging to the buffalo family.

(g) *Catalo* or *Cattalo* means any hybrid animal with American bison appearance resulting from direct crossbreeding of American bison and cattle.

(h) *Condition* means any condition, including, but not limited to, the state of preservation, cleanliness, or soundness of any product or the processing, handling, or packaging which may affect such product.

(i) *Condition and wholesomeness* means the condition of any product, its healthfulness and fitness for human food.

(j) *Deer* means any member of the deer family.

(k) *Exotic animal* means any reindeer, elk, deer, antelope, water buffalo or bison.

(l) *Elk* means any American elk.

(m) *Exotic animal inspection service* means the personnel who are engaged in the administration, application, and direction of exotic animal inspection programs and services pursuant to the regulations in this part.

(n) *Exotic animal producer* means any interested party that engages in the raising and/or marketing of an exotic animal for commercial purposes.

(o) *Field ante-mortem inspection* means the ante-mortem inspection of an exotic animal away from the official exotic animal establishment's premises.

(p) *Field designated area* means any designated area on the applicant's premises, approved by the Regional Director, where field ante-mortem inspection is to be performed.

(q) *Identify* means to apply official identification to products or containers.

(r) *Inspection* means any inspection by an inspector to determine, in accordance with regulations in this part, (1) the condition and wholesomeness of an exotic animal, or (2) the condition and wholesomeness of edible product of an exotic animal at any state of the preparation or packaging in the official plant where inspected and certified, or (3) the condition and wholesomeness of any previously inspected and certified product of an exotic animal if such product has not lost its identity as an inspected and certified product.

(s) *Interested party* means any person financially interested in a transaction involving any inspection.

(t) *Official exotic animal establishment* means any slaughtering, cutting, boning, curing, smoking, salting, packing, rendering, or similar establishment at which inspection is maintained under the regulations in this part.

(u) *Official device* means a stamping appliance, branding device, stencil printed label, or any other mechanically or manually operated tool that is approved by the Administrator for the purpose of applying any official mark or other identification to any product or packaging material.

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(v) *Official identification* means any symbol, stamp, label or seal indicating that the product has been officially inspected and/or indicating the condition of the product approved and authorized by the Administrator to be affixed to any product, or affixed to or printed on the packaging material of any product.

(w) *Program* means the Voluntary Exotic Animal Inspection Program of the Food Safety and Inspection Service.

(x) *Reindeer* means any reindeer commonly referred to as caribou.

(y) *Transport vehicle* means any vehicle used to transport an exotic animal.

(z) *Veterinarian* means an authorized veterinarian of the Program employed by the Department or any cooperating State who is authorized by the Secretary to do any work or perform any duty in connection with the Program.

(aa) *Water buffalo* means any Asiatic water buffalo, commonly referred to as carabao; and the water buffalo of India, commonly referred to as the Indian buffalo.

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§ 352.2 Type of service available.

Upon application, in accordance with § 352.3, § 352.4, and § 352.5, the following type of service may be furnished under the regulations in this part:

(a) Voluntary Inspection Service. An inspection and certification service for wholesomeness relating to the slaughter and processing of exotic animals and the processing of exotic animal products. All provisions of this part shall apply to the slaughter of exotic animals, and the preparation, labeling, and certification of the exotic animal meat and exotic animal products processed under this exotic animal inspection service.

(b) Only exotic animals which have had ante-mortem inspection as described under this part and which are processed in official exotic animal establishments in accordance with this part may be marked inspected and passed.

(c) Exotic animals, exotic animal meat and meat food products shall be handled in an official exotic animal establishment to ensure separation and identity of the exotic animal or exotic animal meat and meat food products until they are shipped from the official

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exotic animal establishment to prevent commingling with other species.

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§ 352.3 Application by official exotic animal establishment for inspection services.

(a) Any person desiring to process an exotic animal, exotic animal carcasses, exotic animal meat and meat food products in an establishment under exotic animal inspection service must receive approval of such establishment and facilities as an official exotic animal establishment prior to the rendition of such service. An application for inspection service to be rendered in an official exotic animal establishment shall be approved in accordance with the provisions contained in §§ 304.1 and 304.2 of subchapter A of this chapter.

(b) Initial survey. When an application has been filed for exotic animal inspection service, the Regional Director or designee, shall examine the establishment, premises, and facilities.

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§ 352.4 Application for ante-mortem inspection service in the field.

Any exotic animal producer desiring field ante-mortem exotic animal inspection service must receive approval of the field ante-mortem designated area from the Regional Director or designee prior to the rendition of such service. An application seeking approval of the designated area for ante-mortem inspection shall be obtained from the Regional Director, and completed and submitted to the Regional Director.

(a) An initial application for field ante-mortem exotic animal inspection service shall be made by an official exotic animal establishment to the Regional Director. Subsequent requests shall be made by the official exotic animal establishment on behalf of an exotic animal producer to the Regional Director in one of the following manners: (1) telephone, (2) telegraph, (3) mail, or (4) in person as determined by the Regional Director.

(b) Upon receipt of the completed application, the Regional Director or designee shall examine the field ante-