

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL 392

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

and

Hasenbeck of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to product labeling; providing definitions; prohibiting persons advertising or selling food plans or carcasses from engaging in certain misleading or deceptive practices; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 316 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

1. "Bulk meat" means beef sold by hanging weight, consisting of whole carcasses and the following primal cuts:

a. "side of beef" means chuck and rib with plate and brisket removed,

- 1 b. "front quarter of beef" means the forward portion of a
2 side, back to and including the twelfth rib,
- 3 c. "back of beef" means chuck and rib with plate and
4 brisket removed,
- 5 d. "arm chuck of beef" means arm chuck with brisket
6 removed, back to and including the fifth rib,
- 7 e. "rib of beef" means from the sixth to the twelfth rib,
8 inclusive, not to exceed ten inches from tip of chine
9 bone to top of rib without plate,
- 10 f. "hindquarter of beef" means the rear section of a side
11 from and including the thirteenth rib, consisting of
12 round, loin and flank,
- 13 g. "trimmed loin of beef" means short loin and hip or
14 sirloin, and that section of hindquarter including
15 thirteenth rib and separated one (1) inch to two (2)
16 inches below aitchbone, without flank or kidney,
- 17 h. "full loin of beef" means loin of beef, including
18 flank and kidney, and
- 19 i. "round of beef" means that portion of hindquarter
20 separated from loin one (1) inch to two (2) inches
21 below aitchbone back to shin bone;

22 2. "Buyer" means both actual and prospective purchasers but
23 does not include persons purchasing for resale;

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1 3. "Food plan" means any plan offering meat for sale or the
2 offering of such product in combination with each other or with any
3 other food or nonfood product or service for a single price;

4 4. "Livestock" means cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds
5 including but not limited to ostrich and emu, aquatic animal
6 products, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, bison, elk documented as obtained
7 from a legal source and not from the wild, goats, horses, other
8 equines or rabbits raised in confinement for human consumption;

9 5. "Meat" means any edible portion of livestock, poultry or
10 captive cervid carcass or part thereof;

11 6. "Misrepresent" means the use of any untrue, misleading or
12 deceptive oral or written statement, advertisement, label, display,
13 picture, illustration or sample;

14 7. "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm,
15 corporation, association or other entity;

16 8. "Poultry" means any domestic bird intended for human
17 consumption;

18 9. "Represent" means the use of any form of oral or written
19 statement, advertisement, label, display, picture, illustration or
20 sample; and

21 10. "Seller" means any person league, franchise, franchisee,
22 franchisor or any authorized representative or agent thereof who
23 offers meat or combinations of such items, for retail purchase to
24 the public for preparation and consumption off the premises where

1 sold or for direct purchase by an individual at his or her
2 residence.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 317 of Title 63, unless there is
5 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 No person advertising, offering for sale or selling all or part
7 of a carcass or food plan shall engage in any misleading or
8 deceptive practices, including, but not limited to, any one or more
9 of the following:

10 1. Disparaging or degrading any product advertised or offered
11 for sale by the seller, displaying any product or depiction of a
12 product to any buyer in order to induce the purchase of another
13 product or representing that a product is for sale when the
14 representation is used primarily to sell another product, or
15 substituting any product for that ordered by the buyer without the
16 buyer's consent. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to
17 prohibit the enhancement of sales of any product by the use of a
18 gift;

19 2. Failing to have available a sufficient quantity of the
20 product represented as being for sale to meet reasonable anticipated
21 demands, unless the available amount is disclosed fully and
22 conspicuously;

23 3. Using any price list or advertisement subject to changes
24 without notice unless so stated, and which contains prices other

1 than the seller's current billing prices, unless changes are subject
2 to consumer's advance acceptance or rejection at or before the time
3 of order or delivery;

4 4. Misrepresenting the amount of money that the buyer will save
5 on purchases of any products which are not of the same grade or
6 quality;

7 5. Failing to disclose fully and conspicuously in any printed
8 advertisement and invoice in at least ten-point type any charge for
9 cutting, wrapping, freezing, delivery, annual interest rate or
10 financing and other services;

11 6. Representing the price of any product to be offered for sale
12 in units larger than one pound in terms other than price per single
13 pound. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the
14 price of such units from also being represented by individual
15 serving, by fluid measure or by other meaningful description;

16 7. Misrepresenting the cut, grade, brand or trade name, or
17 weight or measure of any product, or misrepresenting a product as
18 meat that is not derived from harvested production livestock or
19 poultry; provided product packaging for plant-based items shall not
20 be considered to be in violation of the provisions of this paragraph
21 so long as the packaging displays that the product is derived from
22 plant-based sources;

1 8. Using the abbreviation "U.S." in describing a product not
2 graded by the United States Department of Agriculture, except that a
3 product may be described as "U.S. Inspected" when true;

4 9. Referring to a quality grade other than the United States
5 Department of Agriculture quality grade, unless the grade name is
6 preceded by the seller's name in type at least as large and
7 conspicuous as the grade name;

8 10. Misrepresenting a product through the use of any term
9 similar to a government grade;

10 11. Failing to disclose in uniform ten-point type, when a
11 quality grade is advertised, a definition of the United States
12 Department of Agriculture quality grade in the following terms:

- 13 a. prime,
- 14 b. choice,
- 15 c. select,
- 16 d. good,
- 17 e. standard,
- 18 f. utility,
- 19 g. commercial,
- 20 h. canner, and
- 21 i. cutter;

22 12. Failing to disclose in uniform ten-point type, when a yield
23 grade within a quality grade is advertised, a definition of the
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1 United States Department of Agriculture yield grade in the following
2 terms:

- 3 a. yield grade one (1), extra lean,
- 4 b. yield grade two (2), lean,
- 5 c. yield grade three (3), average waste,
- 6 d. yield grade four (4), wasty, and
- 7 e. yield grade five (5), exceptionally wasty;

8 13. Advertising or offering for sale carcasses, sides or primal
9 cuts as such, while including disproportionate numbers or amounts of
10 less expensive components of those cuts, or offering them in tandem
11 with less expensive components from other carcasses, sides or primal
12 cut parts;

13 14. Failing to disclose fully and conspicuously the correct
14 government grade for any product if the product is represented as
15 having been graded;

16 15. Failing to disclose fully and conspicuously that the yield
17 of consumable meat from any carcass or part of a carcass will be
18 less than the weight of the carcass or part of the carcass. The
19 seller shall, for each carcass or part of carcass advertised, use
20 separately and distinctly in any printed matter, in at least ten-
21 point type, the following disclosure: "Sold gross weight subject to
22 trim loss";

23 16. Misrepresenting the amount or proportion of retail cuts
24 that a carcass or part of carcass will yield;

1 17. Failing to disclose fully and conspicuously whether a
2 quarter of a carcass is the front quarter or hindquarter;

3 18. Representing any part of a carcass as a "half" or "side"
4 unless it consists exclusively of a front quarter and hindquarter.
5 Sides or halves must consist of only anatomically natural
6 proportions of cuts from front quarters or hindquarters;

7 19. Representing primal cuts in a manner other than described
8 in Section 1 of this act;

9 20. Using the words "bundle", "sample order" or words of
10 similar import to describe a quantity of meat unless the seller
11 itemizes each type of cut and the weight of each type of cut which
12 the buyer will receive; and

13 21. Advertising or offering a free, bonus or extra product or
14 service combined with or conditioned on the purchase of any other
15 product or service unless the additional product or service is
16 accurately described including, whenever applicable, grade, net
17 weight or measure, type and brand or trade name. The words "free",
18 "bonus" or other words of similar import shall not be used in any
19 advertisement unless the advertisement clearly and conspicuously
20 sets forth the total price or amount which must be purchased to
21 entitle the buyer to the additional product or service.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective in accordance with
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1 the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma
2 Constitution.

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