

**65-6a24. Packaged meat and poultry products; labeling and container standards; violations, procedure; hearing; judicial review.** (a) When any meat, meat food product, poultry or poultry product prepared for intrastate commerce which has been inspected and marked "Kansas inspected and passed" shall be placed or packed in any can, pot, tin, canvas or other receptacle or covering in any establishment where inspection under the provisions of this act is maintained, the person preparing the product shall cause a label to be attached to a can, pot, tin, canvas or other receptacle or covering, under supervision of an inspector, which label shall state that the contents thereof have been "Kansas inspected and passed" under the provisions of this act, and no inspection or examination of meat, meat food products, poultry or poultry products deposited or inclosed in cans, tins, pots, canvas or other receptacle or covering in any establishment where inspection under the provisions of this act is maintained shall be deemed to be complete until such meat, meat food products, poultry or poultry products have been sealed or inclosed in the can, tin, pot, canvas or other receptacle or covering under the supervision of an inspector.

(b) All carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat and meat food products, poultry and poultry products, inspected at any establishment under the authority of this act and found to be not adulterated, shall at the time they leave the establishment bear, in distinctly legible form, directly thereon or on their containers, as the secretary may require, the information required under subsection (m) of K.S.A. 65-6a18, and amendments thereto.

(c) The secretary, whenever the secretary determines such action is necessary for the protection of the public, may prescribe: (1) The style and sizes of type to be used with respect to material required to be incorporated in labeling to avoid false or misleading labeling of any meat or meat products, poultry or poultry products; or (2) definitions and standards of identity or composition for articles subject to this act and standards of fill of container for such articles shall be adopted by the secretary of agriculture in the manner provided by law.

(d) No article subject to this act shall be sold or offered for sale by any person in intrastate commerce, under any name or other marking or labeling which is false or misleading, or in any container of a misleading form or size, but established trade names and other marking and labeling and containers which are not false or misleading and which are approved by the secretary, are permitted.

(e) If the secretary has reason to believe that any marking or labeling or the size or form of any container in use or proposed for use with respect to any article subject to this act is false or misleading in any particular, the secretary may order that such use be withheld unless the marking, labeling or container is modified in such manner as the secretary prescribes so that it will not be false or misleading. If the person using or proposing to use the marking, labeling or container does not accept the determination of the secretary, such person may request a hearing, but the use of the marking, labeling or container shall, if the secretary so directs, be withheld pending hearing and final determination by the secretary. Hearings under this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(f) Any action of the secretary pursuant to this section is subject to review in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act.

**History:** L. 1969, ch. 296, § 7; L. 1986, ch. 318, § 88; L. 1988, ch. 356, § 189; L. 2004, ch. 101, § 91; L. 2010, ch. 17, § 123; July 1.