

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
VETERINARY SERVICES

LISTING AGREEMENT FOR A RENDERING  
ESTABLISHMENT HANDLING LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, OR  
CARCASSES IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE PURSUANT TO  
TITLE 9, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT

ADDRESS OF ESTABLISHMENT

TELEPHONE NUMBER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, operator of \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(name of the individual legally responsible for the day-to-day operations)* *(name of facility)*

hereby agree to maintain and operate the rendering establishment located at the address above in accordance with the applicable provisions of this agreement and Title 9, Part 71.21, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

TYPE OF LIVESTOCK CARCASSES BEING HANDLED *(check all that apply)*

BOVINE  BISON  PORCINE  OVINE  CAPRINE  EQUINE  CERVID  AVIAN  OTHER *(specify:)*

### Cooperation

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)/Veterinary Services (VS) must be provided with a schedule of the rendering establishment's days of operation, along with the types of animals that will be handled at the establishment on the days of operation. The Assistant Director (AD) responsible for the State in which the establishment is located must be informed of any changes to the hours of normal operation within 1 week prior to the implementation of the changes. In emergency situations, such as large livestock or poultry losses due to weather, fire, or failure of ventilation equipment, the AD will be notified of changed operating hours as soon as practical.

APHIS will provide the operator of the rendering establishment advance notice of when APHIS personnel or representatives will be taking blood and/or tissue samples at the establishment.

This notice may be in any form or by any means that the AD reasonably believes will reach the operator of the rendering establishment prior to the start of sample collection. The notice will include the anticipated date and time sample collection will begin. The notice will also include the anticipated ending date and time except that in cases of perpetual sampling the ending date may be stated as "ongoing."

The rendering establishment agrees to grant access to the establishment to APHIS personnel or its representatives during normal business hours to collect tissue samples and to evaluate whether the rendering establishment and its operations are in compliance with the applicable provisions of this agreement and 9 CFR 71.21.

The AD or his or her representative must be immediately notified if the rendering establishment discovers, suspects, or has reason to believe that any livestock, poultry, or carcasses presented at the rendering establishment are affected by, exposed to, or show signs of possibly being affected by or exposed to any program, emerging, or foreign animal disease.

The rendering establishment agrees to allow APHIS or its representatives to collect blood and tissue samples from all livestock, poultry or carcasses at the establishment, and to facilitate the collection.

There will be no cost to APHIS or its representatives for the blood or tissue. The establishment agrees to provide unobstructed space for each specimen collector to safely collect all samples needed.

The rendering establishment agrees to provide adequate facilities and supplies, including soap and disinfectant for washing hands and sterilizing instruments. These facilities must be located in the area of the specimen collection workstation to provide APHIS or its representatives timely access to the facilities as needed.

The rendering establishment agrees to allow APHIS personnel or its representatives to record the identification of individual animals and retain any external or internal identification devices.

NOTE: Some small rendering establishments may not completely comply with these collection area requirements. VS will be as flexible as possible in these cases as long as collector safety is ensured and sample quality is maintained. For example, our regulations allow for offsite sample processing. It may be possible to collect critical parts of livestock or poultry carcasses and transport them to a nearby facility for sample collection and preparation. If such arrangements are made, they must be specified in writing and attached to the agreement. Correlation of the samples and the animal's identification devices must be maintained at all times. In all cases of noncompliance, efforts should be made to minimize the rendering establishment's cost of complying.

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**Records**

The rendering establishment agrees that documents such as weigh tickets, sales slips, and records of origin, identification, and destination that relate to livestock, poultry, and their carcasses that are in, or that have been in, the rendering establishment will be maintained by the establishment for a period of 2 years for poultry and swine and 5 years for cattle, bison, sheep, goats, cervid, or equines. APHIS personnel or representatives will be permitted to review and copy those documents during normal business hours.

**Identification**

The rendering establishment agrees that all livestock or poultry and carcasses will be officially identified in accordance with the applicable regulations in 9 CFR Parts 71, 75, 78, 79, and 85, at the time of, or before, entry into the establishment.

**Cleaning and Disinfection**

The rendering establishment agrees that live animal handling facilities, including all yards, docks, pens, alleys, chutes, scales, means of conveyance, and their associated equipment, must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. In addition, it is agreed that the operator of the rendering establishment is responsible for the cleaning and disinfection of the rendering establishment in accordance with 9 CFR Parts 71, 75, 78, and 85, and for maintaining an adequate supply of disinfectant and serviceable equipment for cleaning and disinfection.

**Listing**

Request to be listed:

The rendering establishment requests approval for its facility to operate as a listed establishment for the classes of livestock, poultry, or carcasses indicated in this agreement. The rendering establishment also agrees to allow APHIS personnel or representatives to take blood and tissue samples from all livestock, poultry, or carcasses at this rendering establishment without cost to the United States. The rendering establishment specifically allows these personnel adequate, safe access to the processing line for collection of blood and tissue specimens and allows these personnel to record and retain all forms of internal and external individual animal identification devices.

The rendering establishment acknowledges that it has been informed and understands that failure to abide by the provisions of this agreement and the applicable provisions of 9 CFR Parts 71, 75, 78, and 85 constitutes a basis to withdraw this listing.

PRINTED NAME OF OPERATOR	SIGNATURE OF OPERATOR	DATE
<b>PRE-LISTING INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTER FACILITY CONDUCTED BY:</b>		
PRINTED NAME OF INSPECTOR	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	DATE
<b>APPROVAL</b>		
PRINTED NAME OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	SIGNATURE OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	DATE