

(815 ILCS 505/2LL)

Sec. 2LL. Halal food; disclosure.

(a) As used in this Section:

"Dealer" means any establishment that advertises, represents, or holds itself out as growing animals in a halal way or selling, preparing, or maintaining food as halal, including, but not limited to, manufacturers, animals' farms, slaughterhouses, wholesalers, stores, restaurants, hotels, catering facilities, butcher shops, summer camps, bakeries, delicatessens, supermarkets, grocery stores, licensed health care facilities, freezer dealers, and food plan companies. These establishments may also sell, prepare or maintain food not represented as halal.

"Director" means the Director of Agriculture.

"Food" means an animal grown to become food for human consumption, a food, a food product, a food ingredient, a dietary supplement, or a beverage.

"Halal" means prepared under and maintained in strict compliance with the laws and customs of the Islamic religion including but not limited to those laws and customs of zabiha/zabeeha (slaughtered according to appropriate Islamic codes), and as expressed by reliable recognized Islamic entities and scholars.

(b) Any dealer who grows animals represented to be grown in a halal way or who prepares, distributes, sells, or exposes for sale any food represented to be halal shall disclose the basis upon which those representations are made by posting the information required by the Director, in accordance with rules adopted by the Director, on a sign of a type and size specified by the Director, in a conspicuous place upon the premises at which the food is sold or exposed for sale, as required by the Director.

(c) Any person subject to the requirements of subsection (b) does not commit an unlawful practice if the person shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the person relied in good faith upon the representations of an animals' farm, slaughterhouse, manufacturer, processor, packer, or distributor of any food represented to be halal.

(d) Possession by a dealer of any animal grown to become food for consumption or any food not in conformance with the disclosure required by subsection (b) with respect to that food is presumptive evidence that the person is in possession of that food with the intent to sell.

(e) Any dealer who grows animals represented to be grown in a halal way or who prepares, distributes, sells, or exposes for sale any food represented to be halal shall comply with all requirements of the Director, including, but not limited to, recordkeeping, labeling and filing, in accordance with rules adopted by the Director.

(f) Neither an animal represented to be grown in a halal way to become food for human consumption, nor a food commodity represented as halal, may be offered for sale by a dealer until the dealer has registered, with the Director, documenting information of the certifying Islamic entity specialized in halal food or the supervising Muslim Inspector of Halal Food.

(g) The Director shall adopt rules to carry out this Section in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

(h) It is an unlawful practice under this Act to violate this Section or the rules adopted by the Director to carry out this Section.

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