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**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**LCB File No. R094-201**

DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATION**

The Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Sparks, Nevada, 89431, is proposing the Amendment of regulations pertaining to chapter 583 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). A workshop has been set for:

**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2020

**Time:** 9 a.m. PST

**Location:** This meeting will be held virtually via Webex, which allows participation by computer or telephone.\* **Remote Meeting Information:**

To join by Webex, click on the URL and enter the meeting number and password when prompted:

<https://nevadadepartmentofagriculture.my.webex.com/nevadadepartmentofagriculture.my/j.php?MTID=m175faf4ffc5502cf309fae7ca8610592>

Meeting Number: 126 026 4209

Password: EPj5PM4b8Wx (37557642 from phones and video systems)

To join by telephone, call the phone-in number and enter the access code when prompted.

Phone-in Access #: 1-408-418-9388 United States Toll

Access Code: 126 026 4209

If you need help using Webex, visit <http://help.webex.com>.

**\*COVID-19 Notice**

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEETING MUST ATTEND VIA WEBEX OR TELEPHONICALLY.

The open meeting law (Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 241) requires public bodies to conduct their meetings with at least one physical location. Under Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, issued March 22, 2020, the physical location requirement has been suspended.

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on changes to NAC Chapter 583 pertaining to the Nevada Custom Meat & Poultry Program. NAC 583 revisions are in response to requests for program expansion to include mobile processing facilities, alignment with 21 U.S.C. 661, and compliance with federal guidelines for “At Least Equal To” to ensure food safety and humane animal treatment.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained by visiting the Department’s website at [agri.nv.gov](http://agri.nv.gov) or by contacting the Animal Industry Division at 775-353-3607 or [animalindustry@agri.nv.gov](mailto:animalindustry@agri.nv.gov). A reasonable fee for copying or postage may be charged. Members of the public who would like additional information about a proposed regulation may contact the Animal Division by email at [animalindustry@agri.nv.gov](mailto:animalindustry@agri.nv.gov).

Persons wishing to make oral comment upon the regulation draft of the Nevada Department of Agriculture may participate at the scheduled workshop. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence may submit the material by emailing [animalindustry@agri.nv.gov](mailto:animalindustry@agri.nv.gov) or by mailing to the following address: Nevada Department of Agriculture, Custom meat and poultry program, 405 S. 21<sup>st</sup> ST, Sparks, NV 89431.

Reasonable efforts will be made for members of the public who have disabilities and require special accommodations for assistance at the meeting. Please contact the Department at 775-353-3607 or [animalindustry@agri.nv.gov](mailto:animalindustry@agri.nv.gov) prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting was sent to all person’s on the Department’s mailing list for administrative regulations, posted on or before 9 a.m. fifteen days before the meeting at the following locations: the Nevada Department of Agriculture website at [agri.nv.gov](http://agri.nv.gov), the Nevada Public Notices website at [notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov), and was sent to the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau for posting at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**The practical intent of NAC 583 is not being changed. The regulations for custom meat and poultry have been included in [Nevada Revised Statutes](#) (NRS) for years and are already enforceable by law. Oversight of custom meat and poultry was transferred to the NDA from Health and Human Services during the 2019 Legislative Session. The NDA is now pursuing NAC 583 updates to:**

- Better define existing terminology to reduce confusion
- Enhance food safety by standardizing requirements
- Support industry integrity by establishing accountability
- Incorporate federal laws

### General Information:

- All animal harvesting (slaughter) facilities in Nevada are subject to NAC 583. This law, in conjunction with federal law, specifies criteria for possible exemption from daily regulatory oversight. Exempt facilities are still subject to regulatory authority, they are only exempt from the requirement of having an inspector on site during the harvesting process.

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- Changes to NAC 583 only apply to how Nevada regulates. They do not affect the [Federal Meat Inspection Act](#) (FMIA) and [Poultry Products Inspection Act](#) that are both enforced by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for governing harvesting and processing.
- NAC 583 addresses regulations for custom facilities that animal owners may utilize for harvesting and processing services to ensure the return of safe, wholesome, and unadulterated meat products for their personal use.
  - If the harvesting and processing of livestock or poultry is personally performed by the owner for their own use, no permit is required from the NDA.
- Meat animals not inspected by the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) at time of harvesting and processing must not be sold in commerce.
  - USDA [Poultry Exemptions](#) allows for situations under which custom processed poultry may be sold to customers within the state.
- NDA has authority under NRS 583 to seize and/or condemn adulterated products.
- Game meat may be processed by the owner without a permit from NDA, or taken to an NDA-permitted custom facility for further processing.

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**Agenda**

**December 3, 2020  
9 a.m.**

**Note:** Items on the agenda may be taken out of the posted order, items may be combined for consideration, and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda.

- I. Public Comment:** In consideration of others who may wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition and limit your comment to three minutes per person. Unused time may not be reserved by the speaker nor allocated to another speaker.
- II. Overview of Proposed Changes in NAC Chapter 583**
- III. Public Comment:** In consideration of others who may wish to provide public comment please avoid repetition and limit your comment to three minutes per person. Unused time may not be reserved by the speaker nor allocated to another speaker.
- IV. Adjourn**