



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**MEAT HANDLERS OPERATIONS LICENSE**

**SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PERMIT** No person may engage in intrastate commerce in the business of buying, selling, preparing, processing, packing, storing, transporting, or otherwise handling meat, meat food products, or poultry products, unless that person holds a valid license.

**EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY** Categories of licensure shall include: commercial slaughterers, custom slaughterers, commercial processors, custom processors, wholesale distributors, meat & poultry product brokers, renderers, public warehouse operators, animal food manufacturers, handlers of dead, dying, disabled, or diseased animals, & any other category established by rule. Agency has to be on site for inspection during all slaughter activities.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED** Name, address, location as set forth on “License Application for Meat Handling or Slaughterhouse Operation.” Initial application for operations also requires a [“Request for Meat Inspection Services”](#). Continuation of permit dependent upon passing inspection.

**WEB ADDRESS** <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/food-safety/vermont-meat-poultry-inspection>

**FEES** \$150.00 annually due January 1 for each category of licensure.

**ADMINISTERING AGENCY**

**AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & MARKETS  
 FOOD SAFETY AND CONSUMER ASSURANCE DIVISION**

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 802-828-2426  
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**ADDRESS:** 116 State Street  
 Montpelier, VT 05620-2901

**AUTHORITY** 6 VSA Chapters 201 and 204

**APPLICABLE RULES** [The Federal Meat Inspection Act](#) (as amended by the Wholesome Meat Act, Dec 15, 1967)

[The Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act](#)  
 Title 6 of the VSA Chapters 201 (Humane Slaughter of Livestock) and Chapter 204 (Preparation of Livestock and Poultry Products)

**APPEAL PROCESS** To the Secretary, and then to the Superior Court within 15 days of service.