

**SUBCHAPTER 52D - MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION**

**SECTION .0100 - STANDARDS: OFFICIAL MARK**

**02 NCAC 52D .0101 CERTAIN STANDARDS ADOPTED: EXCEPTIONS**

The Rules, Regulations, Definitions and Standards of the United States Department of Agriculture governing meat and meat products inspection, poultry products inspection, voluntary inspection of poultry and humane methods for slaughtering animals, Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 300 through 500, are hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, subject to the following exceptions:

- (1) To conform Federal regulations to North Carolina authority, references in the Federal regulations to the "Secretary of Agriculture," the "United States Department of Agriculture," the "Food Safety and Inspection Service," and its "Administrator" shall be deemed to refer to the corresponding North Carolina authority, the "Commissioner of Agriculture," the "North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services," the "Meat and Poultry Inspection Service" and its "Director for Meat and Poultry Inspection Service," respectively. References to "interstate commerce" shall be deemed to refer to "intrastate commerce" within North Carolina.
- (2) Statutory references to the "Federal Meat Inspection Act" shall be deemed to refer to the corresponding provisions of the "North Carolina Meat Inspection Law," Article 49B and Article 49C of G.S. 106.
- (3) Statutory references to the "Federal Poultry Products Inspection Act" shall be deemed to refer to the corresponding provisions of the "North Carolina Poultry Products Inspection Act," Article 49D of Chapter 106 of the North Carolina General Statutes.
- (4) References to federal marks of inspection, forms, overtime rates and charges shall be deemed to refer to the corresponding North Carolina marks of inspection, forms, and overtime rates and charges. These rates are established by the Commissioner pursuant to G.S. 106-549.69 to cover the cost of providing the service. Standards of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act incorporated in the federal regulations are applicable to these articles.

Copies of the above are available for inspection in the office of the Director of the State Meat and Poultry Inspection Service and may be obtained at no cost from the United States Government Printing Office website at [http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_04/9cfrv2\\_04.html#301](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/9cfrv2_04.html#301).

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**02 NCAC 52D .0102 OFFICIAL MARK OF INSPECTION**

Part 312 of the Federal Meat Inspection Regulation shall refer to the following official North Carolina mark of inspection:

- (1) The mark shall be an isosceles trapezoid with base and top lines parallel, and the top line centered over the base. The distance between the base and top lines shall be equal to the length of the top line. The proportion for these lengths shall be as follows:

Base Line	Top Line	Distance Between Base and Top
8	5	5
- (2) The text of the mark within the border of the trapezoid shall be as follows:
  - (a) "INSP'D" centered along the periphery of the left hand edge;
  - (b) "AND" centered along the periphery of the top;
  - (c) "PASSED" centered along the periphery of the right hand edge;
  - (d) "N.C.D.A." centered along the periphery of the bottom edge;
  - (e) "BY" centered immediately above the letters N.C.D.A.; and
  - (f) The plant designator number "P---(No.)" will be centered in the remaining space.
- (3) A height of approximately one-ninth of the vertical distance between the base and top lines shall be the lettering size for "INSP'D," "AND," "PASSED," "BY," "N.C.D.A." as they appear in the official North Carolina mark of inspection.

- (4) A height of not less than one-seventh and not greater than one-sixth of the vertical distance between the base and top lines shall be the lettering size for the plant designator number "P---(No.)" as it appears in the official North Carolina mark of inspection.

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