Montana Department of Livestock, Meat & Poultry Inspection Bureau

Does my business qualify for an exemption from the Federal Meat Inspection Act?

Do you purchase and prepare state or federally inspected livestock carcasses or products and sell directly to consumers from your store or outlet? → Yes → Retail Exemption: Sales to household consumers only 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iii)(a)

Do you purchase meat or meat products (inspected) and prepare the products as a ready to eat entrée for meals direct to consumers? → Yes → Restaurant Exemption: 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iv)

Do you purchase meat or meat products (inspected) and prepare these products, and then sell them in meals as a catering business? → Yes → Catering Exemption: 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iv)(b)

Do you purchase meat or meat products (inspected) and prepare them in a central kitchen for distribution as ready to eat meals or vending machines which you own? → Yes → Central Kitchen Exemption: 9 CFR 303.1(d)(2)(iv)(c)

Do you purchase meat products to further process the product and then wholesale to other businesses? → Yes → Inspection services are required as per the Federal Meat Inspection Act. Contact Montana Meat & Poultry Inspection Bureau or a USDA district office.