Wild Game Processing at Retail Food Establishments

Variance Request

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909

Company Name/Address: ________________________________
Operator Name: ________________________________
Telephone: (_____)_____________________
Date: ________________________________
County: ________________________________

Statement of Proposed Variance: Our retail firm plans to process:
- Hunter taken venison
- Other: ______________________________________

Processing will include (please check all that apply):
- Carcass inspection
- Carcass storage
- Head and hide removal
- Carcass processing
- Venison product storage
- Additional Processing
- Curing
- Smoking
- Fermenting
- Drying
- Reduced oxygen packaging
- Other __________________________

Cite Relevant Food Code Section Numbers:
- Section 3-502.11, Specialized Processing Methods Variance Requirement
- Other____________________________________

Sanitation Requirements:
- Our firm’s sanitation plan follows and meets the Food Code “Sanitation Requirements”.
- Our firm goes beyond the minimum requirements and has written Standard Sanitation Operating Procedures (SSOPs).

Operational Plan: (please check applicable boxes)
- Our firm’s wild game processing plan follows and meets the “Retail Food Establishment Game Processing Guidelines”.
- Our firm’s wild game processing plan follows and meets the “Retail Food Establishment Game Processing Guidelines”, but includes additional steps. These steps have been added to our copy of the guidelines.
- Our firm goes beyond the minimum requirements and has a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) plan.

Signature/Date

Please mail or fax your signed and completed form to:
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Food and Dairy Division
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