

137E.5 Enforcement — stop order.

1. If a regulatory authority has reasonable cause to believe that a food processing plant is offering for sale or selling a food product that is misbranded as a meat product in violation of [section 137E.4](#), the regulatory authority may issue a stop order. Upon being issued the stop order, the food processing plant shall not offer for sale or sell the food product until the regulatory authority determines that the food product is or is not misbranded as a meat product.

2. The regulatory authority may require that the food product be held by the food processing plant and be secured from purchase.

3. If a regulatory authority determines that the food product being offered for sale or sold by a food processing plant is misbranded as a meat product, the regulatory authority may issue an embargo order requiring the food processing plant to dispose of the misbranded meat product other than by sale to purchasers in this state.

4. The department, the attorney general, or the county attorney in the county where the food product is being offered for sale or sold may enforce the stop order or embargo order by petitioning the district court of that county.

[2024 Acts, ch 1158, §6](#)