

**189A.7 Powers of secretary of agriculture.**

In order to accomplish the objective stated in [section 189A.1A](#), the secretary may do any of the following:

1. Remove inspectors from any establishment that fails to destroy condemned products as required under [section 189A.5, subsection 2](#), paragraph “b”.
2. Refuse to provide inspection service under [this chapter](#) with respect to any establishment for causes specified in section 401 of the federal Meat Inspection Act or section 18 of the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act.
3. Order labeling and containers to be withheld from use if the secretary determines that the labeling is false or misleading or the containers are of a misleading size or form.
4. By regulations prescribe the sizes and style of type to be used for labeling information required under [this chapter](#), and definitions and standards of identity or composition or standards of fill of container, consistent with federal standards, when the secretary deems such action appropriate for the protection of the public and after consultation with the secretary of agriculture of the United States.
5. By regulations prescribe conditions of storage and handling of livestock products and poultry products by persons engaged in the business of buying, selling, freezing, storing, or transporting such articles in or for intrastate commerce to assure that such articles will not be adulterated or misbranded when delivered to the consumer.
6. Require that equines be slaughtered and prepared in establishments separate from establishments where other livestock are slaughtered or their products are prepared.
7. By regulations require that every person engaged in business in or for intrastate commerce as a broker, renderer, animal food manufacturer, or wholesaler or public warehouse of livestock or poultry products, or engaged in the business of buying, selling, or transporting in intrastate commerce any dead, dying, disabled, or diseased livestock or poultry or parts of the carcasses of any such animals, including poultry, that died otherwise than by slaughter shall register with the secretary the person's name and the address of each place of business at which and all trade names under which the person conducts such business.
8. Adopt by reference or otherwise such provisions of the rules and regulations under the federal Acts, with such changes therein as the secretary deems appropriate to make them applicable to operations and transactions subject to [this chapter](#), which shall have the same force and effect as if promulgated under [this chapter](#), and promulgate such other rules and regulations as the secretary deems necessary for the efficient execution of the provisions of [this chapter](#), including rules of practice providing opportunity for hearing in connection with issuance of orders under [section 189A.5, subsection 2](#), paragraph “e”, and [subsection 1, 2, or 3 of this section](#) and prescribing procedures for proceedings in such cases; however, this shall not preclude a requirement that a label or container be withheld from use, or a refusal of inspection pursuant to the sections cited herein pending issuance of a final order in any such proceeding.
9. Appoint and prescribe the duties of such inspectors and other personnel as the secretary deems necessary for the efficient execution of the provisions of [this chapter](#).
10. Cooperate with the secretary of agriculture of the United States in administration of [this chapter](#) to effectuate the purposes stated in [section 189A.3](#); accept federal assistance for that purpose and spend public funds of this state appropriated for administration of [this chapter](#) to pay the state's proportionate share of the estimated total cost of the cooperative program.
11. Recommend to the secretary of agriculture of the United States for appointment to the advisory committees provided for in the federal Acts, such officials or employees of the Iowa meat and poultry inspection service as the secretary shall designate.
12. Serve as a representative of the governor for consultation with the secretary of agriculture of the United States under paragraph “c” of section 301 of the federal Meat

Inspection Act and paragraph “c” of section 5 of the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act unless the governor selects another representative.

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[2009 Acts, ch 41, §207](#); [2023 Acts, ch 66, §41](#); [2025 Acts, ch 134, §44](#)

Referred to in [§189A.2](#), [189A.10](#)

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