

Horsemeat for Human Consumption Summary of Current State Prohibitions

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Four states (CA, IL, OK, TX) have laws prohibiting horsemeat for human consumption. AZ prohibits horsemeat in state institutions.

OH prohibits only certain portions of the horse from use for human consumption. Many states (including AZ, CA, DC, FL, GA, MA, MN, MS, OH, WI, WV) require labeling, posting of signs, consumer notification, and/or prohibitions of mixing with other meats.

STATE	STATUTE
Arizona 3-2129	Horsemeat shall not be served in or sold to state institutions for human consumption.
California Penal Code 598c 598d	It is unlawful for any person to possess, to import into or export from the state, or to sell, buy, give away, hold, or accept any horse with the intent of killing, or having another kill, that horse, if that person knows or should have known that any part of that horse will be used for human consumption. Horsemeat may not be offered for sale for human consumption. No restaurant, cafe, or other public eating place may offer horsemeat for human consumption.
Illinois 225 ILCS 635/1.5	Makes it illegal for any person to slaughter a horse if that person knows or should know that any of the horse meat will be used for human consumption. Also makes it illegal to import, export, sell, buy, give away, possess, hold or accept any horse meat for human consumption.
Ohio 919.11	No person shall sell for human consumption the tongue, diaphragm, heart, esophagus, lips, ears, or glands of a horse, nor shall these parts of a horse be included in a horse meat food product intended for human consumption.
Oklahoma 63 Ok 1-1136 63 Ok 1-1137	It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer or exhibit for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell, any quantity of horsemeat for human consumption. It shall be unlawful for any person to transfer the possession of any horsemeat to any other person when the person so transferring knows, or in the exercise of a reasonable discretion should have known, that the person receiving the horsemeat intends to sell it, offer it for sale, exhibit it for sale, or keep it in his possession with intent to sell it for human consumption.
Texas Agric. Code 149.002	A person commits an offense if the person: (1) sells, offers for sale, or exhibits for sale horsemeat as food for human consumption; or (2) possesses horsemeat with the intent to sell the horsemeat as food for human consumption. A person commits an offense if the person: (1) transfers horsemeat to a person who intends to sell the horsemeat,

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offer or exhibit it for sale, or possess it for sale as food for human consumption; and (2) knows or in the exercise of reasonable discretion should know that the person receiving the horsemeat intends to sell the horsemeat, offer or exhibit it for sale, or possess it for sale as food for human consumption.

* Maryland art. 27 s. 212 prohibiting the sale of horse meat for human consumption was repealed in 1968.