

2023 Kansas Statutes

65-2305. Enforcement by secretary of health and environment; rules, regulations and orders; notice and hearing. (a) The secretary of health and environment shall have the power and authority and is hereby charged with the duty of enforcing the provisions of this act, and the secretary is hereby authorized and directed to make, amend or revoke rules and regulations and orders for the efficient enforcement of this act.

(b) In the event of findings by the secretary that there is an existing or imminent shortage of any ingredient required to enrich flour, white bread or rolls in order to comply with this act, and that because of such shortage the sale and distribution of flour or white bread or rolls may be impeded by the enforcement of this act, the secretary shall issue an order, to be effective immediately upon issuance, permitting the omission of such ingredient from flour or white bread or rolls; and if the secretary finds it necessary or appropriate, excepting such foods from the labeling requirements of this act until the further order of the secretary. Any such findings may be made without hearing on the basis of an order or of factual information supplied by the appropriate agency or officer. In the absence of any such order of the appropriate agency or factual information supplied by it, the secretary on the secretary's own motion may, and upon receiving the sworn statement of 10 or more persons subject to this act that they believe such a shortage exists or is imminent shall hold a public hearing as provided in subsection (f) with respect thereto, at which any interested person may present evidence; and shall make findings based upon the evidence presented.

(c) Whenever the secretary has reason to believe that such shortage no longer exists, the secretary shall hold a public hearing as provided in subsection (f), after notice shall have been given as provided in K.S.A. 77-421, prior to adoption of rules and regulations, at which any interested person may present evidence, and the secretary shall make findings based upon the evidence so presented. If the secretary's findings be that such shortage no longer exists, the secretary shall issue an order revoking such previous order. Undisposed floor stocks of flour on hand at the effective date of such revocation order, or flour manufactured prior to such effective date, for sale in this state may thereafter be lawfully sold or disposed of.

(d) All orders and rules and regulations adopted by the secretary pursuant to this act shall become effective as provided by law.

(e) For the purposes of this act, the secretary is authorized to take samples for analysis and to conduct examinations and investigations through any officers or employees under the secretary's supervision, and all such officers and employees shall have authority to enter, at reasonable times, any factory, mill, warehouse, shop or establishment where flour, white bread or rolls are manufactured, processed, packed, sold, or held, or any vehicle being used for the transportation thereof, and to inspect any such place or vehicle and any flour, white bread or rolls therein, and all pertinent equipment, materials, containers and labeling.

(f) All administrative proceedings conducted pursuant to article 23 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act and the Kansas judicial review act. In conducting the hearing the secretary or the presiding officer may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, require the production of books, papers, records, correspondence or other documents which the secretary or the presiding officer deems relevant and render decisions. In case of the refusal of any person to comply with any subpoena issued under this section or to testify with respect to any matter about which the person may be lawfully questioned, the district court of any county on application of the secretary may issue an order requiring such person to comply with the subpoena and to testify, and any failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

History: L. 1947, ch. 331, § 5; L. 1965, ch. 506, § 32; L. 1975, ch. 462, § 100; L. 1982, ch. 258, § 8; L. 2004, ch. 145, § 24; L. 2010, ch. 17, § 137; July 1.