

SCRAP METAL REGULATORY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 429 of 2008

445.429 Article containing nonferrous metal; tagging and holding by dealer required; circumstances; creation and maintenance of records; certain sales prohibited.

Sec. 9.

(1) A dealer shall tag and hold, for 7 calendar days, any article containing nonferrous metal purchased from a seller and that is offered for purchase under any of the following circumstances:

(a) The article has altered or obliterated serial numbers, and the person delivering the article does not have a written receipt or documentation.

(b) Where, due to the identification on the article or due to the type of article, the dealer would reasonably be considered to have knowledge that the article is, or was, the property of a governmental entity, and the person delivering the article does not have a written receipt or documentation.

(c) Where, due to the identification on the article, the dealer would reasonably be considered to have knowledge that the article is, or was, the property of a business, and the person delivering the article does not have a written receipt or documentation.

(d) The article is a commemorative, decorative, or other cemetery-related or apparently ceremonial article, and the person delivering the article does not have a written receipt or documentation.

(e) The article is subject to a notification or bulletin from any law enforcement agency that is received by the dealer prior to the purchase of the article.

(f) Where the article is copper wiring, whether burned or with sheathing, and the person delivering the article does not have a written receipt or documentation.

(2) The tag and hold requirements of this section require the dealer to also create and maintain the records required under section 7 regarding those articles.

(3) The tag and hold requirements of subsection (1) do not apply to any of the following:

(a) Any article containing nonferrous metal that does not conform to the circumstances described in subsection (1).

(b) Any article that has been the subject of tag and hold by 1 dealer in compliance with this section if that article is resold directly to another dealer. In addition, any article that was not initially subject to the tag and hold provisions of this section is not thereafter subject to the tag and hold provisions if that article is resold to another dealer.

(4) Except in the case where the seller has specific written documentation that the seller is the owner, agent, or person with authority to possess and sell certain articles, a seller shall not sell or offer for sale, and a dealer shall not purchase, any article containing nonferrous metal that is marked with any form of the name, initials, markings, or logo of a governmental entity, utility, cemetery, or railroad; any beer kegs; or any public fixtures. Any sale is subject to the provisions of this act.

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