

**WAC 296-17A-3304 Classification 3304.**

**3304-00 Fish processors, packers and repackagers - Wholesale or combined wholesale/retail**

**Applies to:**

Processing, packaging, and repackaging fish and/or shellfish when conducted by a wholesale or combined wholesale/retail operation.

**Products include, but are not limited to:**

- Fish such as cod, halibut, salmon, tuna, and whitefish;
- Shellfish.

**Work activities include, but are not limited to:**

- Inspecting the commercial fishing vessel's records to ensure that the fish were caught, handled, and stored in accordance with all applicable laws;
- Unloading, identifying, and inspecting for quality;
- Weighing;
- Storing in a refrigerated area or a freezer to await further disposition;
- Processing: Canning, cooking, cutting, filleting;
- Packing and repackaging as requested by the customers;
- Selling to fish and meat markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, restaurants, or other wholesale dealers.

**Exclusions:**

- Cold storage or locker operations of products owned by others are classified in 4401 or 4404 as applicable.
- Raising, harvesting, and subsequent processing and packing of shellfish are classified in the appropriate classifications.
- Retail fish activities or the packaging of whole minnow, herring, or anchovy (not processed) are classified in 3303.

**3304-01 Meat and/or poultry dealers - Wholesale or combined wholesale/retail**

**Applies to:**

Wholesale or combined wholesale/retail distribution of fresh, frozen, cured, or smoked meat or poultry. Wholesale dealers typically do not have display cases for the meat or poultry and receive orders by telephone or by mail.

**Work activities include, but are not limited to:**

- Purchasing meat (whole, half, or quarter carcasses) from slaughterhouses, and poultry from poultry processing plants;
- Processing and butchering of poultry;
- Cutting into chops, fillets, roasts, steaks, or poultry parts;
- Selling to commercial or institutional customers such as restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, meat and poultry markets, hospitals, and prisons.

**Exclusions:**

- Meat products manufacturing, canning or dehydrating, and packing house or slaughterhouse operations are classified in 4301.
- Custom meat cutting operations, including farm kill, are classified in 4302.
- Cold storage or locker operations are classified in 4401 or 4404 as applicable, when conducted as a separate and distinct business.

- Processing, packaging, and repackaging fish is classified in 3304-00.
- Retail meat, fish, and poultry dealers are classified in 3303.

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