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TO: Game Farm Operators and Interested Persons

FROM: Colonel Jim Brown *MMW for*
Director, Division of Law Enforcement

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SUBJECT: Sale of Venison

Non-native deer meat (venison) may be sold uncooked to the public. The sale of packaged, uncooked, non-native venison through grocery stores and other outlets is authorized under Rule 68A-12.004, Florida Administrative Code. The packages must be properly labeled in the manner required by the rule and appropriate documentation of legal source of acquisition must be maintained by the person possessing the venison for commercial purposes. The packages must be "tamper proof." A zip-lock, plastic bag does not meet the "tamper proof" requirements. However, plastic wrap packaging or other package types are acceptable, provided the container cannot be readily opened and resealed. We suggest placing a label or tape around the package to render it "tamper proof."

For more information regarding the sale of venison, a copy of Rule 68A-12.004, Florida Administrative Code, Possession or Sale of Birds or Mammals, can be found at www.flrules.org/. Once at this website, enter 68A-12 in the "By Chapter Number" box under "Search for Rules in the Florida Administrative Code" and then click the "GO" button. When the list of rules appears, click on the link to rule number 68A-12.004.

If you have any questions, please write to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, Captive Wildlife Office, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600, or call (850) 488-6253.

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