**§4302. Definitions**

The terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows:

**1. Blueberries.**

[PL 1997, c. 511, §4 (RP).]

**1-A. Grower.**  "Grower" means a person, firm, partnership, association or corporation engaged in the growing of wild blueberries and that is not a "processor" as defined in subsection 2.

[PL 1997, c. 511, §5 (AMD).]

**1-B. Crew leader.**  "Crew leader" means a person designated by an owner to supervise an organized crew.

[PL 1989, c. 214, §1 (NEW).]

**1-C. Organized crew.**  "Organized crew" means a group of people working together under the supervision of a crew leader to harvest, pick, rake, possess or remove wild blueberries from the land of an owner.

[PL 1997, c. 511, §6 (AMD).]

**1-D. Owner.**  "Owner" includes a landowner or leaseholder of land on which wild blueberries are grown and harvested for profit, or the landowner's or leaseholder's authorized agent, and includes a receiver of wild blueberries grown in Canada and purchased from Canadian sellers.

[PL 1997, c. 511, §6 (AMD).]

**1-E. Permanent record.**  "Permanent record" means a written record which is kept and maintained for not less than 6 years.

[PL 1989, c. 214, §1 (NEW).]

**1-F. First hauler.**  "First hauler" means a person, firm, partnership, association or corporation engaged in the transportation of wild blueberries from the field where the berries were harvested.

[PL 2007, c. 694, §4 (NEW).]

**2. Processor.**  "Processor" means a person, firm, partnership, association or corporation first engaged in the fresh packing, canning, freezing, pressing, grinding, juicing or dehydrating of wild blueberries whether as owner, agent or otherwise.

[PL 2013, c. 331, Pt. C, §20 (AMD).]

**3. Seller.**  "Seller" means a person, firm, partnership, association or corporation offering unprocessed wild blueberries for sale, either to themselves or to others.

[PL 2013, c. 331, Pt. C, §21 (AMD).]

**4. Shipper.**  "Shipper" means a person, firm, partnership, association or corporation engaged in the shipping, transporting, storing, selling or otherwise handling of wild blueberries either in processed form or as fresh fruit, whether as owner, agent or otherwise.

[PL 1997, c. 511, §8 (AMD).]

**5. Transportation permit.**

[PL 2023, c. 18, §1 (RP).]

**5-A. Unprocessed wild blueberries.**  "Unprocessed wild blueberries" means wild blueberries that have not been fresh packed, canned, frozen, pressed, ground, juiced or dehydrated.

[PL 2013, c. 331, Pt. C, §22 (NEW).]

**6. Wild blueberries.**  "Wild blueberries" means all lowbush blueberries grown, purchased, sold or handled for commercial purposes in this State.

[PL 1997, c. 511, §10 (NEW).]

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