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DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR FOOD

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**Ag 50.05 General methods for water capacity and fill of containers.** For the purposes of regulations promulgated under s. 97.022, Stats.:

(1) The term "general method for water capacity of containers" means the following method:

(a) In the case of a container with lid attached by double seam, cut out the lid without removing or altering the height of the double seam.

(b) Wash, dry and weigh the empty container.

(c) Fill the container with distilled water at 68° Fahrenheit to 3/16 inch vertical distance below the top level of the container, and weigh the container thus filled.

(d) Subtract the weight found in (b) from the weight found in (c). The difference shall be considered to be the weight of water required to fill the container.

In the case of a container with lid attached otherwise than by double seam, remove the lid and proceed as directed in pars. (b) - (d), except that under (c) fill the container to the level of the top thereof.

(2) The term "general method for fill of containers" means the following method:

(a) In the case of a container with lid attached by double seam, cut out the lid without removing or altering the height of the double seam.

(b) Measure the vertical distance from the top level of the container to the top level of the food.

(c) Remove the food from the container; wash, dry, and weigh the container.

(d) Fill the container with water to 3/16 inch vertical distance below the top level of the container. Record the temperature of the water, weigh the container thus filled, and determine the weight of the water by subtracting the weight of the container found in (c).

(e) Maintaining the water at the temperature recorded in (d), draw off water from the container as filled in (d) to the level of the food found in (b), weigh the container with remaining water, and determine the weight of the remaining water by subtracting the weight of the container found in (c).

(f) Divide the weight of water found in (e) by the weight of water found in (d), and multiply by 100. The result shall be considered to be the percent of the total capacity of the container occupied by the food.

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In the case of a container with lid attached otherwise than by double seam, remove the lid and proceed as directed in pars. (b)-(f), except that under par. (d), fill the container to the level of the top thereof.

**Ag 50.10 Substandard quality and fill of container.** For the purposes of regulations promulgated under s. 97.022, Stats.:

(1) The term "general statement of substandard quality" means the statement "Below Standard in Quality Good Food—Not High Grade" printed in two lines of Cheltenham bold condensed caps. The words "Below Standard in Quality" constitute the first line, and the second immediately follows. If the quantity of the contents of the container is less than 1 pound, the type of the first line is 12-point, and of the second, 8-point. If such quantity is 1 pound or more, the type of the first line is 14-point, and of the second, 10-point. Such statement is enclosed within lines, not less than 6 points in width, forming a rectangle. Such statement, with enclosing lines, is on a strongly contrasting, uniform background, and is so placed as to be easily seen when the name of the food or any pictorial representation thereof is viewed, wherever such name or representation appears so conspicuously as to be easily seen under customary conditions of purchase.

(2) The term "general statement of substandard fill" means the statement "Below Standard in Fill" printed in Cheltenham bold condensed caps. If the quantity of the contents of the container is less than 1 pound, the statement is in 12-point type; if such quantity is 1 pound or more, the statement is in 14-point type. Such statement is enclosed within lines, not less than 6 points in width, forming a rectangle; but if the statement specified in sub. (1) is also used, both statements (one following the other) may be enclosed within the same rectangle. Such statement or statements, with enclosing lines, are on a strongly contrasting, uniform background, and are so placed as to be easily seen when the name of the food or any pictorial representation thereof is viewed, wherever such name or representation appears so conspicuously as to be easily seen under customary conditions of purchase.