

fruity, yeasty, or other objectionable flavors.

(b) *Body and texture.* The curd particles shall have a meaty texture, but sufficiently tender to permit proper absorption of cream or cheese dressing. The texture shall be smooth and velvety and shall not be mealy, crumbly, pasty, sticky, mushy, watery, rubbery or slimy or possess any other objectionable characteristics of body and texture. Small curd style (cut with ¼ inch knives) should have curd particles approximately ¼ inch or less in size. Large curd style (cut with knives over ¼ inch) should have curd particles approximately ¾ inch or more in size.

(c) *Color and appearance.* The finished cottage cheese, creamed or plain curd, shall have an attractive natural color and appearance with curd particles of reasonably uniform size. The creamed cottage cheese shall be uniformly mixed with the cream or dressing properly absorbed or adhering to the curd so as to prevent excessive drainage.

#### § 58.528 Microbiological requirements.

Compliance shall be based on 3 out of 5 consecutive samples taken at the time of packaging.

(a) *Coliform.* Not more than 10 per gram.

(b) *Psychrotrophic.* No more than 100 per gram.

(c) *Yeasts and molds.* Not more than 10 per gram.

#### § 58.529 Chemical requirements.

(a) *Moisture.* See § 58.505(b).

(b) *Milkfat.* See § 58.505(b).

(c) *pH.* Not higher than 5.2.

(d) *Phosphatase.* Not more than 4 micrograms of phenol equivalent per gram of cheese.

#### § 58.530 Keeping quality requirements.

Keeping quality samples taken from the packaging line shall be held at 45 °F. for 10 days. At the end of the 10 day period the samples shall possess a satisfactory flavor and appearance, and shall be free from bitter, sour, fruity, or other objectionable tastes and odors. The surface shall not be discolored, translucent, slimy or show any other objectionable condition.

### SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLANTS MANUFACTURING, PROCESSING AND PACKAGING FROZEN DESSERTS

#### DEFINITIONS

#### § 58.605 Meaning of words.

For the purpose of the regulations in this subpart, words in the singular form shall be deemed to impart the plural and vice versa, as the case may demand. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meaning as applied to frozen desserts meeting FDA requirements and briefly defined as follows:

(a) *Ice cream.* The product conforming to the requirements of § 20.2<sup>1</sup> "Definitions and Standards of Identity for Frozen Desserts," U.S. Food and Drug Administration (21 CFR 20.2).<sup>1</sup>

(b) *Frozen custard.* The product conforming to the requirements of § 20.2<sup>1</sup> "Definitions and Standards of Identity for Frozen Desserts," U.S. Food and Drug Administration (21 CFR 20.2).<sup>1</sup>

(c) *Ice milk.* The product conforming to the requirements of § 20.3<sup>1</sup> "Definitions and Standards of Identity for Frozen Desserts," U.S. Food and Drug Administration (21 CFR 20.3).<sup>1</sup>

(d) *Sherbet.* The product conforming to the requirements of § 20.4<sup>1</sup> "Definitions and Standards of Identity for Frozen Desserts," U.S. Food and Drug Administration (21 CFR 20.4).<sup>1</sup>

(e) *Mellorine.* The product conforming to the requirements of § 20.8<sup>1</sup> "Definitions and Standards of Identity for Frozen Desserts," U.S. Food and Drug Administration (21 CFR 20.8).<sup>1</sup>

(f) *Overrun.* The trade expression used to reference the increase in volume of the frozen product over the volume of the mix. This increase in volume is due to air being whipped into the product during the freezing process. It is expressed as percent of the volume of the mix.

(g) *Mix.* The trade name for the combined and processed ingredients which after freezing become a frozen dessert.

<sup>1</sup>21 CFR part 20 was redesignated as part 135 at 42 FR 14303, Mar. 15, 1977.