

subpart as specified for handling milk and dairy products.

(c) Milkfat from whey should not be more than four days old when shipped.

§ 58.444 Packaging and repackaging.

(a) Packaging rindless cheese or cutting and repackaging all styles of bulk cheese shall be conducted under rigid sanitary conditions. The atmosphere of the packaging rooms, the equipment and the packaging material shall be practically free from mold and bacterial contamination.

(b) When officially graded bulk cheese is to be repackaged into consumer type packages with official grade labels or other official identification, a supervisor of packaging shall be required. If the repackaging is performed in a plant other than the one in which the cheese is manufactured and the product is officially identified, the plant, equipment, facilities and personnel shall meet the same requirements as outlined in this part.

§ 58.445 General identification.

Bulk cheese for cutting and the container for cheese for manufacturing shall be legibly marked with the name of the product, code or date of manufacture, vat number, officially designated code number or name and address of manufacturer. Each consumer sized container shall meet the applicable regulations of the Food and Drug Administration.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FINISHED PRODUCTS BEARING USDA OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION

§ 58.446 Quality requirements.

(a) *Cheddar cheese.* The quality requirements for Cheddar cheese shall be in accordance with the U.S. Standards for Grades of Cheddar Cheese.

(b) *Colby cheese.* The quality requirements for Colby cheese shall be in accordance with the U.S. Standards for Grades of Colby Cheese.

(c) *Monterey (Monterey Jack) cheese.* The quality requirements for Monterey (Monterey Jack) cheese shall be in accordance with the U.S. Standards for Grades of Monterey (Monterey Jack) Cheese.

(d) *Swiss cheese, Emmentaler cheese.* The quality requirements for Swiss cheese, Emmentaler cheese shall be in accordance with the U.S. Standards for Grades for Swiss Cheese, Emmentaler Cheese.

(e) *Bulk American cheese for manufacturing.* The quality requirements for bulk American cheese for manufacturing shall be in accordance with the U.S. Standards for Grades of Bulk American Cheese for Manufacturing.

SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLANTS MANUFACTURING AND PACKAGING COTTAGE CHEESE

DEFINITIONS

§ 58.505 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:

(a) *Condensed skim.* Skim milk which has been condensed to approximately one-third the original volume in accordance with standard commercial practice.

(b) *Cottage cheese.* (1) *Cottage cheese dry curd.* The soft uncured cheese meeting the requirements of 21 CFR 19.525¹ Food and Drug Administration.

(2) *Cottage cheese.* The soft uncured cheese meeting the requirements of 21 CFR 19.530,¹ Food and Drug Administration.

(3) *Lowfat Cottage cheese.* The soft uncured cheese meeting the requirements of 21 CFR 19.531,¹ Food and Drug Administration.

(c) *Direct acidification.* The production of cottage cheese, without the use of bacterial starter cultures, through the use of approved food grade acids. This product shall be labeled according to the requirements of 21 CFR 19.530(d),¹ Food and Drug Administration.

(d) *Cottage cheese with fruits, nuts, chives, or other vegetables.* Shall consist of cottage cheese to which has been added fruits, nuts, chives or other vegetables. The finished cheese shall comply with § 58.505(b).

¹ See footnote at § 58.405.