be used in determining whether it meets the requirements of this section.

§ 319.303 Corned beef hash.

(a) “Corned Beef Hash” is the semi-solid food product in the form of a compact mass which is prepared with beef, potatoes, curing agents, seasonings, and any of the optional ingredients listed in paragraph (b) of this section, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (a) (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this section and the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section.

(1) Either fresh beef, cured beef, or canned corned beef or a mixture of two or more of these ingredients, may be used, and the finished product shall contain not less than 35 percent of beef computed on the weight of the cooked and trimmed beef. The weight of the cooked meat used in this calculation shall not exceed 70 percent of the weight of the uncooked fresh meat.

(2) “Potatoes” refers to fresh potatoes, dehydrated potatoes, cooked dehydrated potatoes, or a mixture of two or more of these ingredients.

(3) The curing agents that may be used are salt, sodium nitrate, sodium nitrite, potassium nitrate, or potassium nitrite, or a combination of two or more of these ingredients. When sodium nitrate, or sodium nitrite, potassium nitrate, or potassium nitrite is used it shall be used in amounts not exceeding those specified in a regulation permitting that use in this subchapter or in 9 CFR Chapter III, Subchapter E, or in 21 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter A or Subchapter B.

(4) The seasonings that may be used, singly or in combination, are salt, sugar (sucrose or dextrose), spice, and flavoring, including essential oils, oleoresins, and other spice extractives.

(b) Corned beef hash may contain one or more of the following optional ingredients:

(1) Beef cheek meat and beef head meat from which the overlying glandular and connective tissues have been removed, and beef heart meat, exclusive of the heart cap, may be used individually or collectively to the extent of 5 percent of the meat ingredients;

(2) Onions, including fresh onions, dehydrated onions, or onion powder;

(3) Garlic, including fresh garlic, dehydrated garlic, or garlic powder;

(4) Water;

(5) Beef broth or beef stock;