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to, or warmer than, the temperature of the wash water and contain an approved sanitizer of not less than 50 p/m nor more than 200 p/m of available chlorine or its equivalent. Alternate procedures, in lieu of a sanitizer rinse, may be approved by the National Supervisor.

(11) Test kits shall be provided and used to determine the strength of the sanitizing solution.

(12) During any rest period, eggs shall be removed from the washing and rinsing area of the egg washer and from the scanning area whenever there is a buildup of heat.

(13) Washed eggs shall be reasonably dry before cartoning or casing.

(14) When steam or vapors originate from the washing operation, they shall be continuously and directly removed to the outside of the building.

(f) *Requirements for eggs that are to be officially identified.* (1) Shell eggs that are to be officially identified as U.S. Grade AA, A, or B shall be placed under refrigeration at an ambient temperature no greater than 45 °F (7.2 °C) promptly after packaging. Shell eggs officially identified as U.S. Grade AA, A, or B, when shipped between official plants, shall be transported at an ambient temperature no greater than 45 °F (7.2 °C).

(2) Every reasonable precaution shall be exercised to prevent "sweating" of eggs.

(3) Eggs that are to be officially identified as U.S. Grade AA, A, or B shall be packaged only in new or good used cases and packing materials. Cases and packing materials must be reasonably clean, free of mold, mustiness, and off odors, and must be of sufficient strength and durability to adequately protect the eggs during normal distribution.

(g) The following substances used in the plant shall be approved and handled in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions: Pesticides, insecticides, rodenticides, cleaning compounds, destaining compounds, foam control compounds, sanitizers, and

inks and oils coming into contact with the product.

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**§ 56.77 Health and hygiene of personnel.**

(a) No person known to be affected by a communicable or infectious disease shall be permitted to come in contact with the product.

(b) Plant personnel coming into contact with the product shall wear clean clothing.

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