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Whey. “Whey” is the fluid obtained by separating the coagulum from milk, cream, and/or skim milk in cheese-making. The acidity of the whey may be adjusted by the addition of safe and suitable pH adjusting ingredients. Moisture removed from cheese curd as a result of salting may be collected for further processing as whey if the collection of the moisture and the removal of the salt from the moisture are conducted in accordance with procedures approved by the Administrator.

(b) Dry Whey. “Dry Whey” is the product resulting from drying fresh whey which has been pasteurized and to which nothing has been added as a preservative. It contains all constituents, except moisture, in the same relative proportions as in the whey.

(c) Dry Sweet Whey. Dry whey not over 0.16 percent titratable acidity on a reconstituted basis.

(d) Dry Whey—% Titratable Acidity. Dry whey over 0.16 percent, but below 0.35 percent titratable acidity on a reconstituted basis. The blank being filled with the actual acidity.

(e) Dry Acid Whey. Dry whey with 0.35 percent or higher titratable acidity on a reconstituted basis.

(f) Modified Whey Products:
(1) Partially demineralized whey,
(2) Partially delactosed whey,
(3) Demineralized whey, and
(4) Whey protein concentrate-products defined by regulations of the Food and Drug Administration.

(g) Lactose (milk sugar). That food product defined by regulations of the Food and Drug Administration.


ROOMS AND COMPARTMENTS

§ 58.806 General.

Dry storage of product, packaging room for bulk product, and hopper or dump room shall meet the requirements of §§58.210 through 58.212 as applicable.

EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS

§ 58.807 General construction, repair and installation.

All equipment and utensils necessary for the manufacture of whey, whey products and lactose shall meet the same general requirements for materials and construction as outlined in §§58.128 and 58.215 through 58.230 as applicable, except for the following:

(a) Modified Whey Products. Equipment for whey fractionation, such as ultrafiltration, reverse osmosis, gel filtration, and electrodialysis shall be constructed in accordance with 3-A sanitary design principles, except where engineering requirements preclude strict adherence to such standards. Materials used for product contact surfaces shall meet applicable 3-A Sanitary Standards or Food and Drug Administration requirements. All equipment shall be of sanitary construction and readily cleanable.

(b) Lactose. Equipment used in the further processing of lactose following its separation from whey shall have smooth surfaces, be cleanable, free from cracks or crevices, readily accessible for inspection and shall be constructed of non-toxic material meeting applicable Food and Drug Administration requirements and under conditions of use shall be resistant to corrosion, pitting or flaking. [The use of stainless steel is optional.]

QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS FOR RAW MATERIALS

§ 58.808 Whey.

Whey for processing shall be fresh and originate from the processing of products made from milk meeting the requirements as outlined in §§58.132 through 58.138. Only those ingredients approved by the Food and Drug Administration may be added to the whey for processing, except when restricted by this subpart. Whey products to which approved ingredients have been added or constituents removed to alter original characteristics for processing or usage shall be labeled to meet the applicable requirements.