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§ 319.303 Corned beef hash.

Corned Beef Hash shall consist of beef, potatoes, curing agents, seasonings, and any optional ingredients listed in paragraph (b) of this section, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs (a), (c), (d), and (e) of this section.

(a) 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 fresh meat. Mechanically Separated (Species) may be used in accordance with §319.6. Head meat, cheek meat, and heart meat exclusive of the heart cap may be used to the extent of 25 percent of the meat ingredients under specific declaration on the label. The mixture may contain binders and extenders as provided in §318.7(c)(4) of this subchapter.

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Subpart M—Canned, Frozen, or Dehydrated Meat Food Products

§ 319.300 Chili con carne.

“Chili con carne” shall contain not less than 40 percent of meat computed on the weight of the fresh meat. Mechanically Separated (Species) may be used in accordance with §319.6. Head meat, cheek meat, and heart meat exclusive of the heart cap may be used to the extent of 25 percent of the meat ingredients under specific declaration on the label. The mixture may contain binders and extenders as provided in §318.7(c)(4) of this subchapter.

§ 319.301 Chili con carne with beans.

“Chili con carne with beans” shall contain not less than 25 percent of meat computed on the weight of the fresh meat. Mechanically Separated (Species) may be used in accordance with §319.6. Head meat, cheek meat, or heart meat exclusive of the heart cap may be used to the extent of 25 percent of the meat ingredients, and its presence shall be reflected in the statement of ingredients required by part 317 of this subchapter. The mixture may contain binders and extenders as provided in §318.7(c)(4) of this subchapter.

§ 319.302 Hash.

“Hash” shall contain not less than 35 percent of meat computed on the weight of the cooked and trimmed meat. The weight of the cooked meat used in this calculation shall not exceed 70 percent of the weight of the uncooked fresh meat. Mechanically Separated (Species) may be used in accordance with §319.6.

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(a) “Canned Beef Hash” is the semisolid 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), (c), (d), and (e) of this section and the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section. In addition, the finished product shall contain not less than 35 percent of beef computed on the weight of the fresh meat. Mechanically Separated (Species) may be used in accordance with §319.6. Head meat, cheek meat, and heart meat exclusive of the heart cap may be used to the extent of 25 percent of the meat ingredients under specific declaration on the label. The mixture may contain binders and extenders as provided in §318.7(c)(4) of this subchapter.
§ 319.304 Meat stews.

Meat stews such as “Beef Stew” or “Lamb Stew” shall contain not less than 25 percent of meat of the species named on the label, computed on the weight of the fresh meat. Mechanically Separated (Species) may be used in accordance with §319.6.


§ 319.305 Tamales.

“Tamales” shall be prepared with at least 25 percent meat computed on the weight of the uncooked fresh meat in relation to all ingredients of the tamales. When tamales are packed in sauce or gravy, the name of the product shall include a prominent reference to the sauce or gravy; for example, “Tamales With Sauce” or “Tamales With Gravy.” Product labeled “Tamales With Sauce” or “Tamales With Gravy” shall contain not less than 20 percent meat, computed on the weight of the uncooked fresh meat in relation to the total ingredients making up the tamales and sauce or the tamales and gravy. Mechanically Separated (Species) may be used in accordance with §319.6.


§ 319.306 Spaghetti with meatballs and sauce, spaghetti with meat and sauce, and similar products.

“Spaghetti with Meatballs and Sauce” and “Spaghetti with Meat and Sauce,” and similar products shall contain not

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.

(b)(1) When any ingredient specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section is used, the label shall bear the following applicable statement: “Beef cheek meat constitutes 5 percent of the meat ingredient,” or “Beef head meat constitutes 5 percent of the meat ingredient,” or “Beef heart meat constitutes 5 percent of the meat ingredient.” When two or more of the ingredients are used, the words “Constitutes 5 percent of meat ingredient” need only appear once.

(2) Whenever the words “corned beef hash” are featured on the label so conspicuously as to identify the contents, the statements prescribed in paragraph (d)(1) of this section shall immediately and conspicuously precede or follow such name without intervening written, printed, or other graphic matter.