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§ 184.1472 Menhaden oil.

(a) Menhaden oil. (1) Menhaden oil is prepared from fish of the genus Brevoortia, commonly known as menhaden, by cooking and pressing. The resulting crude oil is then refined using the following steps: Storage (winterization), degumming (optional), neutralization, bleaching, and deodorization. Winterization may separate the oil and produce a solid fraction.

(2) Menhaden oil meets the following specifications:

(i) Color and state. Yellow liquid to white solid.

(ii) Odor. Odorless to slightly fishy.

(iii) Saponification value. Between 180 and 200 as determined by the American Oil Chemists’ Society Official Method Cd 3–25—“Saponification Value” (reapproved 1989), which is incorporated by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies of this publication are available from the Office of Food Additive Safety.