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§ 58.154 Refrigerated storage.

Finished product in containers subject to such conditions that will affect its usability shall be placed on shelves, dunnage or pallets and properly identified. It shall be stored under temperatures that will best maintain the initial quality. The product shall not be exposed to anything from which it might absorb any foreign odors or be contaminated by dripage or condensation.

§ 58.155 Grading.

Dairy products which have been processed or manufactured in accordance with the provisions of this subpart may be graded by the grader in accordance with the U.S. Standards for Grades. Laboratory analyses, when required in determining the final grade shall be conducted in an approved laboratory.

§ 58.156 Inspection.

Dairy products, which have been processed or manufactured in an approved plant, and for which there are no official U.S. Standards for Grades, shall be inspected for quality by the inspector in accordance with contract requirements or product specifications established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture or other Federal agency or buyer and seller. Laboratory analysis when required shall be conducted in an approved laboratory.

§ 58.157 Inspection or grading certificates.

All dairy products which have been processed or manufactured, packaged and inspected or graded in accordance with the provision of this part may be covered by an inspection or grading certificate issued by the inspector or grader.

§ 58.158 Official identification.

(a) Application for authority to apply official identification to packaging material or containers shall be made in accordance with the provisions of subpart A of this part. (title 7, §§ 58.49 through 58.57 of the Code of Federal Regulations.)

(b) Only dairy products received, processed, or manufactured in accordance with the specifications contained in this subpart and inspected and/or graded in accordance with the provisions of this part may be identified with official identification.

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

§ 58.159 Terms.

(a) Fresh and sweet. Free from “old milk” flavor of developed acidity or other off-flavors.

(b) Normal feed. Regional feed flavors, such as alfalfa, clover, silage, or similar feeds or grasses (weed flavors, such as peppergrass, French weed, onion, garlic, or other obnoxious weeds, excluded).

(c) Off-flavors. Tastes or odors, such as utensil, bitter, barny, or other associated defects when present to a degree readily detectable.

(d) Developed acidity. An apparent increase from the normal acidity of the milk to a degree of taste and odor which is detectable.

(e) Extraneous matter. Foreign substances, such as filth, hair, insects and fragments thereof, and rodents, and materials, such as metal, fiber, wood and glass.

(f) Sediment. Fine particles of material other than the foreign substances and materials defined in paragraph (e) of this section.

(g) C.I.P. The abbreviation of an approved system of cleaning pipelines called “Cleaned-in-Place.”

(h) Mechanical cleaning. Denotes cleaning solely by circulation and/or flowing chemical detergent solution and water rinses onto and over the surfaces to be cleaned, by mechanical means.