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§ 58.605 Meaning of words.

For the purpose of the regulations in this subpart, words in the singular form shall be deemed to impart the plural and vice versa, as the case may demand. Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the following meaning as applied to frozen desserts meeting FDA requirements and briefly defined as follows:

(a) Ice cream. The product conforming to the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration for ice cream (21 CFR 135.110).

(b) Frozen custard. The product conforming to the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration for frozen custard (21 CFR 135.110).

(c) Reduced Fat, Light, or Fat free Ice Cream. The products conforming to all applicable Federal Regulations including “Ice cream and frozen custard,” Food and Drug Administration (21 CFR 135.110), “Nutrient content claims for fat, fatty acid, and cholesterol content of foods,” Food and Drug Administration (21 CFR 101.9).
§ 58.619  Mix processing room.

The rooms used for combining mix ingredients and processing the mix shall meet the applicable requirements for rooms specified in § 58.126. The room shall be ventilated to remove moisture and prevent condensation from forming on walls and ceiling. The room shall be well lighted.

§ 58.620  Freezing and packaging rooms.

The rooms used for freezing and packaging frozen desserts shall be adequate in size to permit satisfactory air circulation and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. The rooms shall be constructed in the same manner as prescribed above for mix rooms.

§ 58.621  Freezing tunnels.

Freezing tunnels for quick freezing at extremely low temperatures shall be designed and constructed as to insure ease in cleaning and satisfactory conditions of operation.

§ 58.622  Hardening and storage rooms.

Hardening and storage rooms for frozen desserts shall be constructed of satisfactory material for this purpose. The rooms shall be maintained in a clean and orderly manner. Adequate shelves, bins, or pallets shall be provided to keep the packages of finished products off the floor and to prevent damage to the containers. Sufficient refrigeration should be provided to insure adequate storage temperature (−10°F or lower). Air shall be circulated to maintain uniform temperature throughout the rooms. A vestibule or double entry way should be provided to minimize heat shock of the frozen products.

§ 58.623  Homogenizer.

Homogenizer shall comply with 3–A Sanitary Standards.

§ 58.624  Freezers.

Product contact surfaces of freezers used to lower the temperature of the liquid mix to a semi-frozen mass by a stirring action shall be constructed of a stainless steel or equally corrosion resistant metal and all parts easily accessible for cleaning and sanitizing. Batch and continuous freezers should comply with the applicable 3–A Standards.

§ 58.625  Fruit or syrup feeders.

Fruit or syrup feeders inject flavoring material into the semi-frozen product. Product contact surfaces shall be constructed of stainless steel or equally corrosion resistant metal and all pumps shall be in accordance to 3–A Sanitary Standards for dairy equipment. The feeder shall be constructed to enable complete disassembly for cleaning and sanitizing.

§ 58.626  Packaging equipment.

Packaging equipment designed to mechanically fill and close single service containers with frozen desserts shall be constructed so that all product contact surfaces shall be of stainless steel or equally corrosion-resistant metal. All product contact surfaces shall be easily accessible for cleaning. The design and operation of the machine shall in no way contaminate the