

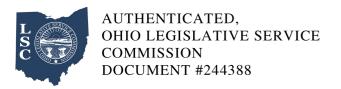
Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3717-1-08.4 Special requirements: acidified white rice preparation criteria.

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A retail food establishment or food serviceoperation that acidifies white rice for the purpose of rendering it anon-time/temperature controlled for safety food shall meet the applicable requirements of this chapter and shall have a HACCP plan that includes:

- (A) A description of the products produced;
- (B) A recipe for the production of the acidified rice that specifies:
- (1) The water to rice ratio prior to cooking, and the cooking schedule;
- (2) The vinegar solution recipe including salts and sugars;
- (3) The cooked rice to vinegar solution ratio that is to be thoroughly mixed to acidify the rice;
- (4) The cooked and acidified rice shall have a targeted pH of 4.1, not to exceed a pH of 4.3; and
- (5) The vinegar solution shall be added to the rice within thirty minutes of cooking.
- (C) The method used to determine the pH of the cooked, acidified rice that includes the following:
- (1) Conducting the pH test within thirty minutes after acidification of the cooked rice and as often as necessary to assure a targeted pH of 4.1, not to exceed a pH of 4.3.
- (2) Making a rice slurry by gathering a one-quarter cup sample of the cooked acidified rice taken from various locations in the batch and add three-quarter cup of distilled water in a clear plastic or metal blend cup.
- (3) Blending the slurry for approximately twenty seconds to create a thorough mix.



(4) Inserting a pH probe into the liquid portion of the slurry to ensure a pH of 4.3 or less is achieved. (5) Recording of measurements. (D) Standard sanitary operation procedures that: (1) Require the use of single-use gloves to prevent contacting the food with bare hands; (2) Identify a designated work area that includes a dedicated sink and preparation table, and the method by which: (a) Access to the processing equipment is restricted to responsible trained personnel familiar with the potential hazards of the operation; and (b) Food-contact surfaces are cleaned and sanitized; or (c) If it is necessary to share workspace and facilities, a schedule of operations, personnel traffic, product traffic, and cleaning that is planned to prevent cross contamination of ready-to-eat sushi products. (E) A description of the training program that ensures that the individual responsible for the acidified rice operation understands the:

(1) Application of HACCP principles to the processing of acidified rice;

(3) Maintenance of equipment and facilities; and

(4) Procedures specified under this rule.

(2) Maintenance of pH records and the verification of procedures specified in this rule;

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