



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:3-23-01 Criteria and definitions for juice products.

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(A) Except for as specified in paragraph (B) of this rule, all food processing establishments processing juice, including juice products to be used as an ingredient, shall comply with Chapter 901:3-23 and the applicable provisions found in Chapter 901:3-17 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Entities which produce juice that has not undergone a five-log reduction are exempt from the rules of this chapter provided that they are either:

(1) A food processing establishment that is also a licensed food service operation or retail food establishment who moves juice, including juice products, to a separate food service operation or retail food establishment which is licensed under the same name; or

(2) A food processing establishment who moves juice, including juice products, to a farmers market stand operated by them where only non-TCS (temperature control for safety) juices are sold; or

(3) A farm market that moves their product to a separate farm market provided both are registered under the same name or to a farmers market stand operated by the registered farm market.

(C) Definitions.

As used in Chapter 901:3-23 of the Administrative Code:

(1) "Cleaned" means washed with water of adequate sanitary quality.

(2) "Control" means to prevent, eliminate, or reduce.

(3) "Control measure" means any action or activity to prevent, reduce to acceptable levels, or eliminate a hazard.



- (4) "Corrective action plan" means a plan that describes the steps to be taken and assigns responsibility for those steps as they pertain to a particular deviation from the HACCP plan.
- (5) "Critical control point" means a point, step, or procedure in a food process at which a control measure can be applied and at which control is essential to reduce an identified food hazard to an acceptable level.
- (6) "Critical limit" means the maximum or minimum value to which a physical, biological, or chemical parameter must be controlled at a critical control point to prevent, eliminate, or reduce to an acceptable level the occurrence of the identified food hazard.
- (7) "Culled" means the separation of damaged fruit from undamaged fruit. For processors of citrus juices using treatments to fruit surfaces to comply with rule 901:3-23-09 of the Administrative Code, culled means undamaged, tree-picked fruit that is U.S. department of agriculture choice or higher quality.
- (8) "Food hazard" means any biological, chemical, or physical property that is reasonably likely to cause illness or injury in the absence of its control.
- (9) "HACCP" means hazard analysis and critical control point.
- (10) "Juice" means the aqueous liquid expressed or extracted from one or more fruits or vegetables, purees of the edible portions of one or more fruits or vegetables, or any concentrates of such liquid or puree.
- (11) "mL" means milliliter.
- (12) "Monitor" means to conduct a planned sequence of observations or measurements to assess whether a process, point, or procedure is under control and to produce an accurate record for use in verification.
- (13) "Processing" means activities that are directly related to the production of juice products. Processing does not include harvesting, picking, or transporting raw agricultural ingredients of juice



products without otherwise engaging in processing.

(14) "Processor" means any person engaged in commercial, custom, or institutional processing of juice products. A processor includes any person engaged in the processing of juice products that are to be used in market or consumer tests.

(15) "Shelf-stable product" means a product that is hermetically sealed in accordance with 21 C.F.R. 113 and when stored at room temperature should not demonstrate any microbial growth.

(16) "Validation" means that element of verification focused on collecting and evaluating scientific and technical information to determine whether the HACCP plan, when properly implemented, will effectively control the identified food hazards.

(17) "Verification" means those activities, other than monitoring, that establish the validity of the HACCP plan and that the system is operating according to the plan.

(18) "21 C.F.R. 113" means title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 113 (edition April 2024).