



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:3-23-02 Sanitation standard operating procedures.

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(A) Sanitation controls.

Each processor shall have and implement a sanitation standard operating procedure that addresses sanitation conditions and practices before, during, and after processing. The sanitation standard operating procedure shall address:

- (1) Safety of the water that comes into contact with food or food contact surfaces or that is used in the manufacture of ice;
- (2) Condition and cleanliness of food contact surfaces, including utensils, gloves, and outer garments;
- (3) Prevention of cross contamination from insanitary objects to food, food packaging material, and other food contact surfaces, including utensils, gloves, and outer garments, and from raw product to processed product;
- (4) Maintenance of hand washing, hand sanitizing, and toilet facilities;
- (5) Protection of food, food packaging material, and food contact surfaces from adulteration with lubricants, fuel, pesticides, cleaning compounds, sanitizing agents, condensate, and other chemical, physical, and biological contaminants;
- (6) Proper labeling, storage, and use of toxic compounds;
- (7) Control of employee health conditions that could result in the microbiological contamination of food, food packaging materials, and food contact surfaces; and
- (8) Exclusion of pests from the food plant.



(B) Monitoring.

The processor shall monitor the conditions and practices during processing with sufficient frequency to ensure, at a minimum, conformance with those conditions and practices specified Chapter 901:3-17 of the Administrative Code that are appropriate both to the plant and to the food being processed. Each processor shall correct, in a timely manner, those conditions and practices that are not met.

(C) Records.

Each processor shall maintain sanitation standard operating procedure records that, at a minimum, document the monitoring and corrections prescribed by paragraph (B) of this rule. These records are subject to the record keeping requirements of rule 901:3-23-07 of the Administrative Code.