



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 901:3-23-06 Verification and validation.

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### (A) Verification.

Each processor shall verify that the hazard analysis and critical control point plan is being implemented according to design.

#### (1) Verification activities shall include:

(a) A review of any consumer complaints that have been received by the processor to determine whether such complaints relate to the performance of the HACCP plan or reveal previously unidentified critical control points;

(b) The calibration of process monitoring instruments;

(c) At the option of the processor, the performance of periodic end-product or in-process testing; except that processors of citrus juice that rely in whole or in part on surface treatment of fruit shall perform end-product testing in accordance with rule 901:3-23-09 of the Administrative Code.

(d) A review, including signing and dating, by an individual who has been trained in accordance with rule 901:3-23-08 of the Administrative Code, of the records that document:

(i) The monitoring of critical control points to ensure that the records are complete and to verify that the records document values that are within the critical limits. This review shall occur within seven days of the day that the records are made;

(ii) The taking of corrective actions to ensure that the records are complete and to verify that appropriate corrective actions were taken in accordance with rule 901:3-23-05 of the Administrative Code. This review shall occur within seven days of the day that the records are made; and



(iii) The calibrating of any process monitoring instruments used at critical control points and the performance of any periodic end-product or in-process testing that is part of the processor's verification activities. The purpose of these reviews shall be to ensure that the records are complete and that these activities occurred in accordance with the processor's written procedures. These reviews shall occur within a reasonable time after the records are made.

(e) Following procedures in rule 901:3-23-05 of the Administrative Code whenever any verification procedure, including the review of consumer complaints, establishes the need to take a corrective action; and

(f) Additional process verification if required by rule 901:3-23-09 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Records that document the calibration of process monitoring instruments, and the performance of any periodic end-product and in-process testing, in accordance with this rule, are subject to the record keeping requirements of rule 901:3-23-07 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Validation of the HACCP plan.

Each processor shall validate that the HACCP plan is adequate to control food safety hazards that are reasonably likely to occur; this validation shall occur at least once within twelve months after implementation and at least annually thereafter or whenever any changes in the process occur that could affect the hazard analysis or alter the HACCP plan in any way. The validation shall be performed by an individual or individuals who have been trained in accordance with rule 901:3-23-08 of the Administrative Code and, shall be subject to record keeping requirements of rule 901:3-23-07 of the Administrative Code. The HACCP plan shall be modified immediately whenever a validation reveals that the plan is no longer adequate to fully meet the requirements of this chapter.

(C) Validation of the hazard analysis.

Whenever a juice processor has no HACCP plan because a hazard analysis has revealed no food hazards that are reasonably likely to occur, the processor shall reassess the adequacy of that hazard analysis whenever there are any changes in the process that could reasonably affect whether a food hazard exists. The validation of the hazard analysis shall be performed by an individual or



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individuals who have been trained in accordance with rule 901:3-23-08 of the Administrative Code and records documenting the validation shall be subject to the record keeping requirements of rule 901:3-23-07 of the Administrative Code.