

§ 58.913 Evaporators and vacuum pans.

All equipment used in the removal of moisture from milk or milk products for the purpose of concentrating the solids should comply with the requirements of the 3-A Sanitary Standards for Milk and Milk Products Evaporators and Vacuum Pans.

§ 58.914 Fillers.

Both gravity and vacuum type fillers shall be of sanitary design and all product contact surfaces, if metal, shall be made of stainless steel or equally corrosion-resistant material; except that, certain evaporated milk fillers having brass parts may be approved if free from corroded surfaces and kept in good repair. Nonmetallic product contact surfaces shall comply with the requirements for 3-A Sanitary Standards for Plastic, and Rubber and Rubber-Like Materials. Fillers shall be designed so that they in no way will contaminate or detract from the quality of the product being packaged.

§ 58.915 Batch or continuous in-container thermal processing equipment.

Batch or continuous in-container thermal processing equipment shall meet the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration for thermally processed low-acid foods packaged in hermetically sealed containers (21 CFR part 113). The equipment shall be maintained in such a manner as to assure control of the length of processing and to minimize the number of damaged containers.

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§ 58.916 Homogenizer.

Homogenizers where applicable shall be used to reduce the size of the fat particles and to evenly disperse them in the product. Homogenizers shall comply with the applicable 3-A Sanitary Standards.

OPERATIONS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

§ 58.917 General.

There are many operations and procedures used in the preparation of

evaporated, condensed and ultra pasteurized dairy products that are similar, therefore, the following general requirements will apply when such operations or procedures are used.

§ 58.918 Standardization.

The standardization of the product to obtain a finished product of a given composition shall be accomplished by the addition or removal of milkfat, milk solids-not-fat and/or water. The ingredients added to accomplish the desired composition shall be of the same hygienic quality as the product being standardized.

§ 58.919 Pre-heat, pasteurization.

When pasteurization is intended or required by either the vat method, HTST method, or by the HHST method it shall be accomplished by systems and equipment meeting the requirements outlined in § 58.128. Pre-heat temperatures prior to ultra pasteurization will be those that have the most favorable effect on the finished product.

§ 58.920 Homogenization.

Where applicable concentrated products shall be homogenized for the purpose of dispersing the fat throughout the product. The temperature of the product at time of homogenization and the pressure at which homogenization is accomplished will be that which accomplishes the most desired results in the finished products.

§ 58.921 Concentration.

Concentrating by evaporation shall be accomplished with a minimum of chemical change in the product. The equipment and systems used shall in no way contaminate or adversely affect the desirability of the finished product.

§ 58.922 Thermal processing.

The destruction of living organisms shall be performed in one of the following methods: (a) The complete in-container method, by heating the container and contents to a range of 212 °F to 280 °F for a sufficient time; (b) by a continuous flow process at or above 280 °F for at least 2 seconds, then packaged aseptically; (c) the product is first processed according to methods as in