

MANUFACTURING MILK LAW OF 2001 (EXCERPT)
Act 267 of 2001

288.737 Frozen desserts; temperature of dairy products received in fluid form; rerun standards; packaging; labeling.

Sec. 177. (1) A person shall ensure that milk, cream, and dairy products in fluid form received at a frozen dessert plant for use in mixes are immediately cooled to a temperature of 45°F (7°C) or less and maintained at that temperature until pasteurized. Mixes shall be assembled and pasteurized in a dairy plant.

(2) A person shall ensure that spilled frozen desserts and ingredients are discarded. Rerun shall be handled in sanitary containers properly covered and stored at or below 45°F (7°C) or shall be piped directly back to vats. Rerun which has been strained to remove nuts, fruits, or other ingredients shall be repasteurized and shall be used only as mix for products which contain the same ingredients. Frozen desserts that have been distributed shall not be returned to the manufacturer for repasteurization and processing. Flavoring and bulky ingredients may be added to mix after pasteurization.

(3) A person shall ensure that frozen desserts and mix are packaged in commercially acceptable containers and packaging material that will protect the quality of the contents in regular channels of trade. The packaging, cutting, molding, dispensing, and other handling or preparation of mix or frozen desserts and their ingredients shall be done in a sanitary manner. Plastic or rubber gloves shall be worn when handling frozen desserts for molding, cutting, or similar hand contact work.

(4) Frozen desserts shall be labeled as specified in section 143(2), (3), (4), (5), and (6). Bulk ice cream containers with removable lids, such as those used for hand dipping, shall be labeled on the body of the container.

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