

481—31.2 (137F) Food processing plant standards.

1. Standards used to inspect establishments where wholesale food is manufactured, processed, packaged or stored are found in the Code of Federal Regulations in 21 CFR, Part 110, April 1, 2007, publication, “Current Good Manufacturing Practices in Manufacturing, Processing, Packing or Holding Human Food.”

2. Standards used to inspect establishments where bakery products, flour, cereals, food dressings and flavorings are manufactured on a wholesale basis are found in the Code of Federal Regulations in 21 CFR, Parts 136, 137 and 169, April 1, 2007, publication.

3. Standards used to inspect establishments which process low-acid food in hermetically sealed containers are found in 21 CFR, Part 113, April 1, 2007, “Thermally Processed Low-Acid Food Packaged in Hermetically Sealed Containers.”

4. Standards used to inspect establishments which process acidified foods are found in 21 CFR, Part 114, April 1, 2007, “Acidified Foods.”

5. Standards used to inspect establishments which process bottled drinking water are found in the Code of Federal Regulations in 21 CFR, Parts 129 and 165, April 1, 2007, publications, “Processing and Bottling of Bottled Drinking Water” and “Beverages.”

6. In addition to compliance with rule 481—31.2(137F)“1,” manufacturers of packaged ice must comply with the following:

- Equipment must be cleaned on a schedule of frequency that prevents the accumulation of mold, fungus and bacteria. A formal cleaning program and schedule which include the use of sanitizers to eliminate microorganisms must be developed and used.

- Packaged ice must be tested every 120 days for the presence of bacteria.

- Plants that use a nonpublic water system must sample the water supply monthly for the presence of bacteria and annually for chemical and pesticide contamination.

Copies of these regulations are available from the Department of Inspections and Appeals, Bureau of Food and Consumer Safety, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0083.