

CPG Sec. 550.350 Figs; Fig Paste - Adulteration Involving Insect Infestation; Mold, Dirt

REGULATORY ACTION GUIDANCE:

The following represents the criteria for direct reference seizure *requests to the Office of Human and Animal Food Operations (OHAFO) in consultation with the Office of Enforcement and Import Operations (OEIO) and CFSAN, and for direct citation by the appropriate Field Office within the Human and Animal Food Program*:

1. Figs

The figs contain an average of 10% or more by count insect infested and/or moldy and/or dirty fruit or pieces of fruit.

2. Fig Paste

The fig paste contains 13 or more insect heads per 100 grams of fig paste in each of 2 or more subsamples when examined by AOAC methods of analysis, 44.083(a) and (b), AOAC 12th Ed. or 44.A02 1st Suppl. 12th Ed.

REMARKS:

Seizures involving these products must be discussed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. *E-mail* or FAX the following information to CFSAN/Office of *Compliance*/Division of Enforcement (HFS-605) and await reply before proceeding.

Sample Number

Date of Shipment

Article Involved

Dealer

Amount of Lot

Shipper

Codes

Analytical Conclusions

SPECIMEN CHARGE:

Article adulterated when introduced into and while in interstate commerce, within meaning of 21 U.S.C. 342(a)(3) in that it consists wholly or in part of a filthy substance by reason of presence therein of insects, insect webbing, insect excreta, insect damaged figs; dirt; and of a decomposed substance by reason of presence therein of moldy, decomposed figs.

Material between asterisks is new or revised.

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