

CPG Sec. 525.350 Fennel Seed - Adulteration by Mammalian Excreta; Insects

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. Insects and Mammalian Excreta:

The fennel seed in 20% or more of the subsamples contain mammalian excreta and/or insects;

or

2. Mammalian Excreta:

The fennel seed contains an average of 3 milligrams or more of mammalian excreta per pound.

REMARKS:

Since the majority of spices are imported, determine that the lot in question has not been previously examined and released by FDA as an import. If the lot has been examined and released previously, submit all available facts to CFSAN/Office of *Compliance*/Division of Enforcement (HFS-605) for seizure consideration in the usual manner.

SPECIMEN CHARGE:

Article fennel seed adulterated (when introduced into and while in interstate commerce)(while held for sale after shipment 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 fennel seed) and (mammalian excreta).

Materials between asterisks are new or revised

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