

CPG Sec. 550.680 Pineapple, Canned; Pineapple Juice - Adulteration with Mold

REGULATORY ACTION GUIDANCE:

The following represents 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. Pineapple, canned -- The average Howard mold count for six or more subsamples is 15% or more; or the Howard mold count for any subsample is 40% or more.
2. Pineapple Juice -- The average Howard mold count for six or more subsamples is 15% or more; or the Howard mold count for any one subsample is 40% or more.

Article (canned pineapple) (pineapple juice) adulterated (when introduced into and while in interstate commerce) (while held for sale after introduction into interstate commerce), within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. 342(a)(3), in that it consists in part of a decomposed substance by reason of the presence therein of (moldy/decomposed pineapple) (mold).

NOTE: Only use direct reference citation authority when prosecution is anticipated and evidence to support a prosecution is included with the adulteration charge. Evidence necessary to support a prosecution is specific in existing regulatory procedures issuances.

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