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Rules and Regulations Governing Sale of Ground Meat and Similar Products



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A. The following definitions or standards of identity, purity, quality or strength of foods or food products are hereby established:

MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

1. Hamburger—shall consist of chopped beef, ground beef or beef patties, with or without the addition of beef fat as such or of seasoning, and shall not contain more than 30% of fat by chemical analysis.

2. Ground meat, chopped meat, uncooked meat loaf, chopped meat patties or similar meat products, shall consist of either ground beef, ground veal, ground mutton, ground lamb, ground pork or any combination thereof, with or without the addition of fat or seasoning and shall not contain more than 30% of fat by chemical analysis. In every case in which any such product is sold in other than package form, the product shall be accompanied by a placard or label placed on or adjacent to its immediate container declaring the common or usual name of the ingredients contained therein in the order of their predominance.

3. Pork sausage, country style sausage, breakfast sausage and farm style sausage shall consist of ground fresh pork, with or without the addition of condimental proportions of condimental seasonings, and shall not contain more than 55% of fat by chemical analysis.

4. All sausage to which cereal, vegetable starch, starchy vegetable flour, soya flour, dried milk or non fat dried milk has been added shall not contain more than 3½% individually or collectively of such ingredients, and not more than 55% of fat by chemical analysis.

FOOD PRODUCTS

5. Oleomargarine or margarine includes all substances, mixtures, and compounds sold, offered for sale or labeled as oleomargarine or margarine and all substances, mixtures, and compounds which have a consistence similar to that of butter and which contain any edible oils or fats other than milk fat if made in imitation or semblance of butter. Oleomargarine or margarine shall contain not less than 80% of fat.