

1545.0260 RESTRICTED USE OF SEASONINGS IN MEAT PRODUCTS.

Soluble seasonings consisting of spice extractives having a distinct red color (principally those including extract of paprika) shall not be used in fresh or frozen meat products including but not limited to hamburger, ground beef, fabricated steaks, cubed beef, and meat patties because of the color-enhancing properties of the seasoning. These soluble spice extracts may be used in the formulation of cured sausage and other meat food products, provided the amount used shall be controlled so that the color of the finished product will not be significantly different from that of products prepared with the same ingredients but without the soluble spice extract. This requirement is not intended to restrict the use of paprika as a natural spice in those products where it is considered to be a normal ingredient.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.10; 31.101; 31.11*

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