

1550.1030 QUALITY ASSURANCE DATING.

It is recognized that foods vary in degrees of perishability, and as the time lengthens before a food begins to lose its palatability or its desired or nutritive properties, it becomes increasingly more difficult for the manufacturer or processor to determine when that time will arrive and so such determination becomes an estimate. Consequently, some degree of variability must be allowed from the quality assurance date declared on the label and the manufacturer or processor must be permitted the opportunity to explain the reasons for the variability on the label of the product. The following parts are designed to give the consumer the assurance that the food offered has retained its palatability and its desired or nutritive properties and to permit the manufacturer or processor to use experience and judgment to supply this information to the consumer.

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