

4626.0405 3-501.18 READY-TO-EAT, POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD; DISPOSITION.*

A. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item A, shall be discarded if not consumed within seven calendar days from the date of preparation, provided the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less, except for those food products that are prepared in a food package or container that is sealed, moisture impermeable, and previously unopened before preparation or handling.

B. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item B, subitem (1) or D, subitem (1), shall be discarded if not consumed within 24 hours after thawing.

C. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item B, subitems (2) and (3) or D, subitems (2) and (3), shall be discarded on or before the most recent date marked on the food container or package if the food is not consumed by that date.

D. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item C, shall be discarded if not consumed within seven calendar days after the date that the original container is opened, including the day the original container is opened, if the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less.

E. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item A, B, C, or D, shall be discarded if the food is:

(1) marked with the date specified in part 4626.0400, item A, B, C, or D, and the food is not consumed before the most recent date expires;

(2) in a container or package that does not bear a date or time; or

(3) inappropriately marked with a date or time that exceeds the date or time specified in part 4626.0400, item A, B, C, or D.

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