

The Provisions of Canned Food Plants Shall Meet the Regulations on Food Safety Control System

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Article 1 This Provision is prescribed in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article 8 of the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation.

Article 2 The terms in this Provision are defined as follows:

1. Canned foods: referring to the foods which are packaged in close containers with commercial sterilization before or after packaging and can be stored at room temperature for a long time, including:

1.1 Low-acid canned foods: referring to the equilibrium pH value (pH value) of the content greater than 4.6 and the water activity greater than 0.85, which are packaged in a sealed container with commercial sterilization before or after packaging for storage.

1.2 Acidified canned foods: referring to the canned products made by low-acid or acidic foods, adding acidifiers or acidic foods to adjust the pH values which results in the finished equilibrium pH values (pH values) less than or equal to 4.6 and the water activity greater than 0.85.

2. Closed containers: referring to containers which can prevent the intrusion of microorganisms after sealing, including metal, glass, sterilization bags, plastic, laminated composite and other containers meeting the above conditions.

3. Commercial sterilization: Under normal commercial storage and transport and without refrigeration, the degree of sterilization of the canned foods should be strong enough to prevent the reproduction of microorganisms, the harmful active microorganisms and their spores after sterilization.

4. Canned food plants: referring to plants engaging in the manufacturing, processing and preparing of the canned foods.

Article 3 According to the Factory Management Act and its related regulations, canned food plants which are required to apply for the factory registration shall implement the food safety control system.

Article 4 Implementation dates of the abovementioned canned food plants are as follows:

1. The amount of capital of NT \$100 million or more: implementing on July 1, 2018.
2. The amount of capital of NT \$30 million or more and less than NT \$100 million: implementing on July 1, 2019.
3. The amount of capital less than NT \$30 million, with food industry workers of five or more: implementing on July 1, 2020.
4. If the canned food plants are belonged to the categories in the Provisions of Aquatic Product Processing Industries Shall Meet the Regulations on Food Safety Control System (HACCP), the Provisions of Meat Possessing Industries Shall Meet with the Regulations on Food Safety Control System (HACCP), the Provisions of Dairy Processing Industries Shall Meet the Regulations on Food Safety Control System (HACCP): implementing on the date of promulgation of these Provisions.
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