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Foreword

This standard specifies the hygienic requirements for chocolate manufacturer to improve the hygienic level of chocolate based on GB 9678.2-94 "Hygienic Standard for Chocolate".

This standard is consisted of the following sections. scope, normative references, terms, classification, factory design and equipment sanitation, hygienic management in factory, personal hygiene and health education, hygienic requirements in the course of processing, storage requirements, transportation requirements, and hygienic and quality inspection management.

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Hygienic Specification of Chocolate Factory

1 Scope

This standard specifies the layout of chocolate factory and the technical requirements on equipment, operators, processing, storage, and transportation of finished products, and quality and hygienic management.

This standard is applicable to the factory where produces chocolates or chocolate products of which the main raw materials are cocoa mass, cocoa powder, cocoa butter, cocoa butter equivalent, cocoa butter alternatives, milk products and white granulated sugar.

2 Normative references

The articles contained in the following documents have become the articles of this document when they are quoted herein. For the dated documents so quoted, all the modifications or revisions made thereafter shall be applicable to this document.

GB 2760-1996 Hygienic standards for uses of food additives

GB 5749-1985 Sanitary standard for drinking water

GB 7718-1994 General standard for the labelling of foods

GB 14881-1994 General hygienic regulation for food enterprises

GB 14930.1-1994 Hygienic standards for detergent for food tools and installations

GB 14930.2-1994 Hygienic standards for detergent and disinfection for food tools and installations

3.1 Chocolates

If one of the following articles is satisfied, it can be called as chocolate.

3.1.1 Those products with non-fat cocoa solids accounting for 17% or more of the net

weight of the product, and cocoa butter accounting for 10% or more of the net weight of

the product.

6.3.5 Adopt heating sterilization. For boiling steam sterilization, the temperature is kept at

100°C for 10min; for infrared ray sterilization, the temperature is generally controlled at 120°C for 15 to 20min.

6.3.6 In case of using chloride-contained detergent, the solution with the concentration of

effective chloride of 250mg/L is generally used. Tools shall be submerged in solution fully for at least 5 min.

6.3.7 Take measures to keep the equipment and tools which have been washed and

sterilized clean to prevent pollution.

6.3.8 Changing room, toilet, washing room, resting room, etc. must be cleaned frequently

and kept clean.

7.1.1 People who are engaged in chocolate business shall receive physical examination

at least once a year. People who are newly taking the job or temporary job in chocolate business must pass physical examination before official work.

7.2 Health requirements

If people have one of the following illnesses, he/she shall not be engaged in chocolate production.

7.2.1

Infectious diseases of digestive tract, e.g. dysentery, typhoid fever, viral hepatitis, etc. (including pathogen carrier);

7.3.1 Operators engaged in chocolate production must keep a good personal hygienic

habit. He/she shall often take bath, change cloth and have haircut. He/she is not allowed

to have long-nail or have nail polish.

7.3.2 Staffs shall not take personal things which have nothing to do with production inside

workshop. If staff enters into workshop, he/she shall wear clean work uniform, hat and work shoes. Do not expose hair. Do not enter into toilet wearing work uniform and hat.

9.1.1 Raw materials must be stored inside warehouse. Warehouse must be equipped with

hygienic equipment to prevent moisture, rat and fly, and keep warehouse well-ventilated.

9.1.2 The ground of warehouse must be paved with board. The piled products must be

kept 20cm from ground, and 30cm from wall. The top of piled products shall be at least 20cm from ceiling.

9.1.3 Warehouse shall be kept clean and periodically swept. Different raw materials shall

be stored separately with obvious labels. Avoid mixture. The product firstly coming in shall firstly come out.

9.1.4 Packaging materials shall be stored in warehouse. The raw materials of external and

internal package shall be stored separately. Warehouse shall be well-ventilated and dry without pollution.

9.2.1 The warehouse for finished products must be well-ventilated, dry, and periodically

sterilized. Abnormal smell in air shall be removed. The warehouse shall be equipped with devices to prevent moisture, dust, rat and fly.

9.2.2 Warehouse for finished products must not store products which have nothing to do

with chocolate.