

DATE MARKING EXAMPLES

Ready-To-Eat Food Prepared at a Retail Food Establishment – Cold Holding

| DATE | SHELF-LIFE DAY | ACTION |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|
| October 1 st | 1 | Cook / Cool / Cold Hold at 41 °F or Lower |
| October 7 th | 7 | Serve, Sell or Discard |

Ready-To-Eat Food Prepared at a Retail Food Establishment – Freezing

| DATE | SHELF-LIFE DAY | ACTION |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| October 1 st | 1 | Cook / Cool / Cold Hold at 41 °F or Lower |
| October 2 nd | 2 | Cold Hold at 41 °F or Lower |
| October 3 rd | TIME STOPS | FREEZE |
| October 20 th | 3 <i>(Time resumes, does not reset)</i> | Thaw / Cold Hold at 41 °F or Lower |
| October 24 th | 7 | Serve, Sell or Discard |

For proper date marking, the container of a RTE food item must be marked with the production date, freezing date, and thaw date to determine the seven (7) day sell, use by or discard disposition.

DATE MARKING EXEMPTIONS

Date Marking does not apply to the following foods prepared and packaged by a food processing plant inspected by the appropriate regulatory authority:

3-501.17 (G)(1) – (7) ^{Pf}

| FOOD ITEM | DESCRIPTION |
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| Deli Salads <i>(Mayonnaise Based)</i> | Such as: Ham Salad, Seafood Salad, Chicken Salad, Egg Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad and Macaroni Salad |
| Hard Cheeses <i>(Containing not more than thirty-nine (39) percent moisture)</i> | Such as: Cheddar, Colby, Gruyere, Parmesan, Romano, Reggiano and Swiss |
| Semi-Soft Cheeses <i>(Containing more than thirty-nine (39) percent moisture, but not more than fifty (50) percent moisture)</i> | Such as: Asiago, Blue, Edam, Gorgonzola, Gouda and Monterey Jack |
| Cultured Dairy Products <i>(Milk and Cream)</i> | Such as: Yogurt, Sour Cream and Buttermilk |
| Preserved Fish Products | Such as: Pickled Herring, Dried or Salted Cod and other Acidified Fish Products |
| Shelf Stable, Dry Fermented Sausages | Such as: Pepperoni, Dry Salami, Genoa, Basturma, Breasaola, Coppa and Capocollo |
| Shelf Stable, Salt-Cured Products | Such as: Prosciutto, Country Ham and Parma Ham |

Additional foods exempt from Date Marking:

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| Shellstock <i>FDA Food Code Annexes 2017 (Pg. 485)</i> | <i>Must be refrigerated. Must retain Shellstock Tags for 90 days. Time starts the date and time the container is empty (must be recorded on the Shellstock Tag).</i> |
| Individual Meal Portions <i>3-501.17 (E)</i> | <i>Individual Meal Portions served or repackaged for sale from a bulk container upon a consumer's request.</i> |