

II. General Provisions

2.1. Food products shall satisfy physiological needs of human beings in required substances and energy, meet demands generally placed on foodstuff with respect to organoleptic and physicochemical parameters and comply with requirements of regulatory documents as per permissible content of chemical, radiological, biologically active substances and their compounds, microorganisms and other biological organisms endangering health of current and future generations.

(as amended by Amendments and Additions No. 2, approved by Resolution No. 41 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 15.04.2003)

2.2. Foodstuff produced, imported and circulating in the territory of the Russian Federation shall comply with sanitary rules as per their safety and nutrition value.

2.3. Manufacturing, importing and turnover of food products which fail to comply with the requirements provided for by these Sanitary Rules shall be not permitted.

2.4. These Sanitary Rules requirements must be complied with when working out regulatory and technical documentation governing the issues of manufacturing, importing and turnover of foodstuff.

2.5. When developing new types of foodstuff, new manufacturing technology, packaging, storage, and transportation entrepreneurs and legal entities shall justify quality and safety requirements, requirements for maintaining quality and safety, develop programs of quality and safety in-process control, procedures of testing thereof, and set shelf life of such foodstuff.

2.6. Drafts of technical documents shall be subject to sanitary and epidemiological examination according to the established procedure.

2.7. Manufacturing of new food products in the territory of the Russian Federation and import of food products to the territory of the Russian Federation, which is carried out for the first time, shall be allowed only after their state registration in accordance with the established procedure.

2.8. Imported foodstuffs shall be subject to state registration prior to import thereof to the territory of the Russian Federation.

2.9. Manufacturing of foodstuff shall be carried out in compliance with regulatory and technical documents and shall be confirmed by foodstuff quality and safety certificates provided by the manufacturer (hereinafter referred to as the quality and safety certificate).

2.10. Food products for public catering shall not require execution of a quality and safety certificate.

2.11. Compliance of foodstuffs and drafts of technical documents with sanitary rules shall be confirmed during sanitary and epidemiological compliance examination to be carried out according to the established procedure.

2.12. When the sanitary rules lack safety and nutrition value requirements for a specific type of a new food product or a food product imported for the first time the requirements shall be set during sanitary and epidemiological examination subject to the following parameters:

- established by the developer of a new type of product in the draft of the regulatory and/or technical document;

- established by applicable sanitary rules for a product similar in its composition and properties;

- required from the product in the country of its origin;

- recommended by international organizations.

2.13. Foodstuff safety and nutrition value requirements shall be recorded in the sanitary and epidemiological opinion executed according to the established form, which shall be issued by authorities and departments of GosSanEpidemNadzor of Russia on the basis of results of sanitary and epidemiological examination.

2.14. Food raw material of plant origin compulsory requires information on pesticides used during cultivation of crop plants, fumigation of premises and packaging for their storage, pest control of food supply as well as the date of the last treatment using such pesticides.

Food raw material of animal origin compulsory requires information on usage (if any) of pesticides for control of ectoparasites or diseases of animals and fowl, for treating cattle-breeding and poultry facilities, fish farming and water basing for fish reproduction as well as specification of pesticide and end date of its use.

2.15. Import, use and turnover of food raw material of animal and plant origin, which lacks information on the use of pesticides for its production, shall not be allowed.

2.16. Food raw material and foodstuffs shall be pre-packed and packaged into materials allowed to come into direct contact with food products, so that to ensure maintaining of quality and safety during storage, transportation, sale thereof, including with extended shelf-life.

(Clause 2.16 as amended by Amendments and Additions No. 9, approved by Resolution No. 30 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 23.05.2008)

2.17. Entrepreneurs and legal entities engaged in manufacturing and turnover of foodstuffs, provision of services in the field of foodstuff retail and public catering shall be obliged to provide customers or consumers as well as state control and supervision authorities with complete and credible information on quality and safety of foodstuffs, compliance with requirements of regulatory documents under manufacturing and turnover of foodstuff and provision of services in the field of retail trade and public catering.

2.18. For certain kinds of food products (baby food, dietary and specialized food products, probiotic products, food additives, biologically active food additives, foodstuffs containing components, produced with the use of genetically modified organisms (hereinafter referred to as the GMO), etc.) the following shall be specified:

(as amended by Amendments and Additions No. 2, approved by Resolution No. 41 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 15.04.2003, No. 5, approved by Resolution No. 42 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 25.06.2007)

- scope of application (for baby food, dietary and specialized food products, food additives, biologically active food additives);

- recommendations for use, application, and, if required, contraindications for their use;

- for biologically active additives the following information shall obligatory be specified: 'Not a medicine';

- for food products produced with the use of GMO, including those not containing deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and proteins, the following information shall be specified: 'genetically modified product' or 'product received from genetically modified organisms' or 'product contains components from genetically modified organisms' (for foodstuffs containing 0.9% or less of components received with the use of GMO it is an incidental or technically non-removable impurity, and food products containing the said quantity of GMO components are not classified as products containing components received with the use of GMO)

(as amended by Amendments and Additions No. 5, approved by Resolution No. 42 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 25.06.2007)

- information on state registration.

The paragraph is excluded from September 1, 2007. - Amendments and Additions No. 5, approved by Resolution No. 42 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 25.06.2007,

- for food products received from/ or with the use of genetically modified organisms (bacteria, yeast and filamentous fungi, the genetic material of which was changed with the help of genetic engineering methods) (hereinafter referred to as the GMM), the following shall be specified:

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments and Additions No. 6, approved by Resolution No. 13 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 18.02.2008)

- for products containing living GMM - 'The product contains living genetically modified microorganisms';

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments and Additions No. 6, approved by Resolution No. 13 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 18.02.2008)

- for products containing inviable GMM - 'The product was received with the use of genetically modified microorganisms';

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments and Additions No. 6, approved by Resolution No. 13 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 18.02.2008)

- for products freed from engineering GMM or for products produced with the use of components freed from engineering GMM - 'The product contains components received with the use of genetically modified microorganisms';

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments and Additions No. 6, approved by Resolution No. 13 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 18.02.2008)

- for food products produced with the use of technologies, allowing to receive them from the raw material, received without the use of pesticides or other plant protecting agents, chemical fertilizers, animal growth stimulants and feeding stimulants, antibiotics, hormonal agents, veterinary drugs, GMO, not treated with exposure to ionizing radiation and meeting these sanitary rules (hereinafter referred to as organic products), the following shall be specified: 'organic product';

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments and Additions No. 8, approved by Resolution No. 26 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 21.04.2008 N 26)

- for specialized food products for sportsmen, possessing the set nutritional and energy value and directed effectiveness, consisting of a set of nutrients or separate types of nutrients, the following shall be specified: 'specialized food product for sportsmen';

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments No. 14, approved by Resolution No. 28 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 05.05.2009)

- for specialized food products for sportsmen the following additional information shall be printed on the consumer packaging: information on nutrition and energy value of the product, share of the physiological need; recommended dosages, methods of preparation (if necessary), conditions and length of usage.

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments No. 14, approved by Resolution No. 28 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 05.05.2009)

- for meat of slaughter animals and poultry meat, edible offal of slaughter animals and poultry, as well as slaughter animals meat and poultry meat, contained in all types of food products, heat treatment type - 'chilling' (chilled meat includes: meat of slaughter animals, obtained directly after slaughter, and its offal, chilled to 0 °C to +4 °C in the muscles, with unmoistened surface, and a drying up crust; poultry meat obtained directly after slaughter and its offal chilled to 0°C - +4°C in the muscles);

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments and Additions No. 9, approved by Resolution No. 30 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 23.05.2008)

- for food products enriched with vitamins and mineral substances the following shall be specified: 'food product enriched with vitamins and/ or mineral substances'.

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments and Additions No. 22, approved by Resolution No. 177 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 27.12.2010)

Marking printed on the consumer packaging, wrapping of fish products shall contain additional information regarding the homogeneous food fish products of the following groups:

- frozen fish products:

glazed - net mass shall be given without the glaze mass;

produced from frozen fish products - information on refreezing;

- frozen salted and pickled fish products - words 'Frozen products'.

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments No. 17, approved by Resolution No. 27 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 21.04.2010)

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For references related to quality and safety of food products see also Federal Law No. 29-FZ dated 02.01.2000.

2.19. Terms "dietary", "medical", "preventive" "baby", probiotic product" or their equivalents in designation of foodstuffs, in consumer packaging information and packaging inserts for the product shall be used in accordance with the established procedure.

(as amended by Amendments and Additions No. 2, approved by Resolution No. 41 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 15.04.2003)

The term 'green product' as well as other terms not having legal or scientific grounding must not be used in names and in consumer packaging information printed on the specialised food product.

(the paragraph was introduced by Amendments No. 14, approved by Resolution No. 28 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 05.05.2009)

2.20. When manufacturing food raw material of animal origin the use of feed additives, animal growth-promoting substances, pharmaceuticals, drugs for treating animals and fowl as well as preparations for treating premises for their keeping which have not undergone sanitary and epidemiological examination and state registration according to the established procedure shall be prohibited.

(as amended by Amendments and Additions No. 2, approved by Resolution No. 41 of Chief State Sanitary Inspector of the RF dated 15.04.2003)

2.21. Foodstuffs containing feed additives, animal growth-promoting substances (including hormonal agents), drugs, pesticides, agrochemicals which have not undergone sanitary and epidemiological examination and state registration according to the established procedure shall not be liable to import, manufacturing and turnover in the territory of the Russian Federation. Their recycling or destruction shall be carried out according to the established procedure.

2.22. In-process control and state sanitary and epidemiological surveillance and monitoring shall be exercised in respect of compliance of food products with requirements for safety and nutrition value.

2.23. Individual entrepreneurs and legal entities engaged in production, import and turnover of food products must carry out in-process control including laboratory analysis and testing of foodstuff safety and nutrition value indexes as per compliance with requirements of these Sanitary Rules according to sanitary rules of a company and carrying out of in-process control.

2.24. Individual entrepreneurs and legal entities engaged in manufacturing and turnover of food products upon the results of carrying out of measures aimed at ensuring quality and safety of foodstuffs, compliance with requirements of regulatory and technical documents including carrying out of in-process control shall receive quality and safety certificate for every batch of food products.

2.25. Individual entrepreneurs and legal entities engaged in manufacturing and turnover of food products shall carry out laboratory analysis and testing independently or with engagement of laboratories accredited according to the established procedure.

2.26. For conducting laboratory analysis and testing of quality and safety parameters of food products only those techniques and methods will be allowed which are metrologically certified and comply with requirements for provision of uniformity of measurements and measuring accuracy characteristics, with methods of testing product samples and control of their parameters as well as those methods which comply with the said requirements and approved according to the established procedures.

2.27. Regulatory and technical documents for culture medium intended for control over microbiological indices of safety and nutrition value of foodstuffs shall be subject to sanitary and epidemiological examination according to the established procedure.

2.28. In case of unacceptable results of analysis even for one of the safety parameters, this parameter is subject to recurrent examination under double volume of sample capture taken from the same batch. The results of the second examination shall apply to the whole batch.

2.29. State sanitary and epidemiological surveillance and control over compliance of foodstuffs with these Sanitary Rules shall be carried out by agencies and departments of GosSanEpidemNadzor of Russia according to the established procedure.