



REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Food Safety – Chapter 901:3-5

The rules in this package have been reviewed pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and are being proposed as follows. **The comment period will remain open through January 17, 2022.** Comments may be emailed to ecomments@agri.ohio.gov or mailed to Legal Section, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

The rules located in Chapter 901:3-5 regulate the processing of acidified foods in heretically sealed containers. Examples of hermetically sealed containers are cans, glass jars, or aseptic juice boxes. The rules contained in this rule package mirror federal regulations in order to allow Ohio's manufacturing industry to be able to ship all across the country. The rules are being proposed as no change.

Rule 901:3-5-01 outlines the criteria and definitions as used in the chapter.

Rule 901:3-5-02 sets forth training requirements for processing and packaging operators.

Rule 901:3-5-03 sets forth the processing requirements for all acidified canning operations. The rule outlines acceptable pH levels as well as coding requirements for product tracking.

Rule 901:3-5-04 sets forth the requirements relating to the scheduled processes for the operation. The rule outlines the procedures for when a deviation from the scheduled process occurs.

Rule 901:3-5-05 sets forth the record keeping requirements of the chapter.

