15A NCAC 18A .0176 PASTEURIZATION OF CRUSTACEA MEAT

- (a) All pasteurization operations shall require a Process Validation Study Report approved by the Division of Marine Fisheries prior to operation based upon documentation of the ability to produce time-temperature results as required by the rules of this Section.
- (b) The pasteurization of crustacea meat shall be conducted in compliance with the following procedures:
 - (1) the minimum pasteurization specifications shall be heating every particle of crustacea meat in a hermetically-sealed container to a temperature of at least 185° F (85° C) and holding it continuously at or above this temperature for at least one minute at the geometric center of a container in equipment being operated in compliance with the Process Validation Study Report. A copy of the procedures for operating the pasteurizing equipment shall be posted adjacent to the pasteurization vat. The pasteurizer shall keep the report on file and shall provide the Division a copy of such report;
 - (2) alteration of the equipment or loading of containers shall require a new Process Validation Study Report;
 - (3) the containers of crustacea meat shall be cooled to 50° F (10° C) or below within three hours of the completion of pasteurization; and
 - (4) refrigerated storage shall be provided for the cooled crustacea meat and shall maintain a storage temperature at or below 38° F $(3.3^{\circ}$ C).

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