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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Food and Drug Administration

## Food Process Filing for Low-Acid Aseptic Systems (Form FDA 2541g)

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Food Canning Establishment (FCE) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission Identifier (SID) 20\_\_-\_\_-\_\_ / \_\_\_ (YYYY-MM-DD/SSS)

### A. Product Information:

Note: Section A.1 (Food Product Group) requests optional information.

1. (Optional) Select one Food Product Group. If there is no single best Food Product Group that applies, select Other.

Baby Food (infant/junior foods including infant formula);  Bakery Products (canned brown bread, bakery glazes);  Berry/Citrus/Core Fruit as a Jam, Jelly, Preserve, Drink, Syrup, Topping;

Beverage Base;  Breakfast Foods (liquid form – ready-to-eat, such as porridge, gruel);

Cheese (does not include soy cheese or imitation dairy);  Cocoa;  Coffee/Teas (excluding herbal and botanical teas);  Dairy (milk-based);

Dietary Supplement and/or herbal and botanical teas;  Dressings/Condiments (e.g., salad dressing, chutney, salsa, pepper sauce, etc.);

**Fruit as a Vegetable (Select one):**  Fruit as a Vegetable (e.g., eggplant, pumpkin, etc.)  Fruit as a Vegetable Juice or Drink (e.g., eggplant juice, pumpkin juice, etc.);

Gelatin, Pudding Filling for Pies, Pie Filling (liquid form ready-to-eat such as apple pie filling, etc.);  Gravies/Sauces (spaghetti sauce, mushroom gravy);  Imitation Dairy (includes soy-based products);

Imitation/Pit/Mixed/Subtropical Fruit as a Jam, Jelly, Preserve, Drink, Syrup, Topping; **Leafy/Stem Vegetables (Select one):**  Leafy/Stem Vegetable;  Leafy/Stem Vegetable as a Juice or Drink (e.g., spinach juice, etc.)

Meal Replacement/Medical Foods (e.g., supplemental liquid nutrition, etc.);

**Mixed Vegetables (Select one):**  Mixed Vegetables (e.g., carrots and peas, etc.);  Mixed Vegetables as a Juice or Drink (e.g., carrot and green bean juice, etc.);

Nut Spread and Nut Topping;  Other Vegetables;  Rice, Wheat, Oat or Grain (liquid form – ready-to-eat such as grits);

**Root and Tuber Vegetables (Select one):**  Root/Tuber Vegetables (e.g., carrots, leeks, potatoes, etc.);  Root/Tuber Vegetables as a Juice or Drink (e.g., carrot juice, etc.);

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Soup;;  Sweet Goods/Dessert (liquid form – ready-to-eat, such as pudding);  Vine/Other Fruit as a Jam, Jelly, Preserve, Drink, Syrup, Topping;

Wine Cooler;

Other

2. **Enter Product Name** (e.g., Cheese Sauce (with Jalapeno Pieces), Pudding (Vanilla or Strawberry), etc.).

3. **What is the form of the product?**  Liquid (i.e., all liquid no solids)  Liquid with Solids (e.g., diced, chunks, pieces, etc.)  Paste/Puree

Other (Enter product form) \_\_\_\_\_

4. **What is the packing medium?**  Brine  Cream/Sauce/Gravy  Oil  Syrup  Water  None (i.e., the product is all liquid)

Other (Enter packing medium) \_\_\_\_\_

Continue to Section B.

**B. Governing Regulation: (Refer to the precursor questions in the instructions)**

Low-acid (21 CFR 108.35 and 21 CFR Part 113)

Continue to Section C.

**C. Container Type: (Select one)**

**Note: If the product is not packaged in one of the container types identified below, select Other.**

1.  Aluminum/Tinplate/Steel Can

a) What is the shape of the container? (Select one)  Cylindrical  Irregular (Attach a picture or schematic) \_\_\_\_\_  Oval

Rectangular  Other (Attach a picture or schematic) \_\_\_\_\_

b) How many pieces are used to construct the container? (Select one or more choices, as applicable)

i.  2-pieces

ii.  3-pieces How is the side seam sealed? (Select one)  Cemented  Welded

2.  Flexible Pouch

a) What is the shape of the container? (Select one)  Flat pouch  Gable top  Gable top/side gusseted  Gusseted

Irregular (Attach a picture or schematic) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Attach a picture or schematic) \_\_\_\_\_

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3.  Semi-Rigid
- a) What is the shape of the container? (Select one)  Bowl  Cylindrical  Irregular (Attach a picture or schematic) \_\_\_\_\_  Oval  
 Rectangular  Tray  Other (Attach a picture or schematic) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Is this a single piece container?  Yes (Continue to d)  No (Continue to c)
- c) Is this a compartmentalized container?  Yes How many compartments? \_\_  No
- d) What is the predominant material used to make the body of the container? (Select one)  
 HDPE (high-density polyethylene)  HDPP (high-density polypropylene)  Paperboard  PET (polyethylene terephthalate)  Other (Enter material) \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: If "Yes" is selected as a single piece container in question 3.b, continue to Section D.**

- e) What is the predominant material used to make the lid of the container? (Select one)  
 Aluminum/Steel  HDPE (high-density polyethylene)  HDPP (high-density polypropylene)  Nylon  PET (polyethylene terephthalate)  
 Other (Enter material) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not Applicable
- f) How is the lid sealed to the body of the container? (Select one)  
 Double Seam  Heat Seal  Induction Weld  Press Twist  Snap On  Threaded Closure  Ultrasonic Seal  Other (Enter seal type) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not Applicable

4.  Other (Enter container type) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Attach schematic or picture of container. \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Specify the material that, based on weight, is the predominant material used to make the container stock. This is the material that constitutes the highest weight value of the container stock. \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Specify the predominant material used to make the lid. This is the material that constitutes the highest weight value of the lid stock. If the container does not have a lid, specify Not Applicable. \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Specify the method used to seal the lid to the body of the container. If the container does not have a lid, specify Not Applicable. \_\_\_\_\_

**Continue to Section D.**

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## D. Container Size:

**Note: Section D.1 (dimensions) is required information; however, volume is acceptable for container size in lieu of container dimensions if package sterilizer does not depend on the container dimensions. Section D.3 (net weight) is optional information.**

### 1. Dimensions:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Height (Use for cylindrical shapes) (see accompanying instructions for proper coding)
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Height/Thickness (Use for rectangular shapes, pouches, or irregular shapes) (see accompanying instructions for proper coding)

2. Volume: \_\_\_\_\_ (Select one)  Fluid Ounces  Gallons  Liters  Milliliters

3. Net Weight (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_ (enter in ounces)

**Continue to Section E.**

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## E. Product Processing Method: Thermally Processed using Aseptic Systems:

### 1. Product Sterilization:

- a) What is the finished equilibrium pH of the product after processing? \_\_\_\_\_

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## b) Heating Method

- i. (Select one)  Direct Heating  Indirect Heating
- ii. What is the Thermal Expansion Coefficient? \_ \_ \_ \_
- iii. Where is the product flow rate controlled? (Select one)  Before the heater (Continue to b.iii.1)  After the heater (Continue to c)
  - (1) Volume Expansion Factor: \_ \_ \_ (Direct Heating Only)

- c) What is the Manufacturer's name and the model number of the Product Sterilization System? \_\_\_\_\_
- d) What is the Process Source of the Product Sterilization System? \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach Process Source document) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) What is the date of the Process Source Document of the Product Sterilization System (mm/dd/yyyy)? \_ / \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_

## Continue to Section F.

### F. Product Critical Factors: (Complete all product critical factor questions as delineated by process authority to assure commercial sterility.)

- 1. Does the product contain particulates?  Yes (Attach supporting documentation and validation reports) \_\_\_\_\_ (Continue to a)  No (Continue to F.2)
  - a) Is controlling particulate size a critical factor?  Yes (Continue to b)  No (Continue to F.2)
  - b) What is the shape and dimension of the particulate size to be controlled? If more than one, list all that apply: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Does the product contain any dry ingredients that are hydrated before processing the product?  Yes (Continue to a)  No (Continue to F.3)
  - a) What is the minimum % moisture of the hydrated dry ingredients before processing? \_ \_ \_ \_  Not Applicable
- 3. Does the % total solids affect the heating of the product during processing?  Yes (Continue to a)  No (Continue to F.4)
  - a) What is the % total solids? \_ \_ \_ \_
- 4. Is the finished equilibrium pH of the product after processing (identified in Section E) critical to the process?  Yes  No
- 5. What is the flow correction factor used during the scheduled process? (Select one)
  - a)  0.5 (Laminar) (Continue to Section G)
  - b)  0.83 (Turbulent) (Continue to F.6)
- 6. Answer the following questions if the flow correction factor you identified in question F.5 is 0.83 (Turbulent)
  - a) What is the instrument used to measure the consistency/viscosity? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) What is the temperature when you measure the consistency/viscosity? \_ \_ \_ \_ (enter in Fahrenheit).
  - c) What is the consistency/viscosity? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ What is the unit of measure? (Select one)  Centipoise  Other (Enter the units of measure) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) What is the specific gravity? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 7. Is starch added to maintain consistency/viscosity of the product?  Yes (Continue to a-b)  No (Continue to F.8)
  - a) What is the maximum % starch added? \_ \_ \_ \_
  - b) What type of starch is added? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Are other binders added?  Yes (Continue to a-b)  No (Continue to F.9)
  - a) What is the maximum % binder? \_ \_ \_ \_
  - b) What is the type of binder added? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Is syrup strength a critical factor that needs to be controlled during processing?  Yes (Continue to a)  No (Continue to Section G)

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a) What is the brix measurement? \_ \_ \_ \_

Continue to Section G.

## G. Package Sterilization System and Supplemental Information:

### 1. Sterilization System

- a) What is the Manufacturer name and the model number of the sterilization system used to sterilize the packaging of the product? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What is the Process Source of the Package Sterilization System? \_\_\_\_\_
- c) What is the date of the Process Source of the Package Sterilization System (mm/dd/yyyy)? \_ / \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_
- d) Supplemental Submission Identifier (SUP SID): \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  (Attach Supplemental Information) (see accompanying instructions) \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Sterilization System

- a) What is the Manufacturer name and the model number of the sterilization system used to sterilize the packaging of the product? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What is the Process Source of the Package Sterilization System? \_\_\_\_\_
- c) What is the date of the Process Source of the Package Sterilization System (mm/dd/yyyy)? \_ / \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_
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### 3. Sterilization System

- a) What is the Manufacturer name and the model number of the sterilization system used to sterilize the packaging of the product? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What is the Process Source of the Package Sterilization System? \_\_\_\_\_
- c) What is the date of the Process Source of the Package Sterilization System (mm/dd/yyyy)? \_ / \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_
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### 4. Sterilization System

- a) What is the Manufacturer name and the model number of the sterilizing system used to sterilize the packaging of the product? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What is the Process Source of the Package Sterilization System? \_\_\_\_\_
- c) What is the date of the Process Source of the Package Sterilization System (mm/dd/yyyy)? \_ / \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_
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Continue to Section H.

## H. Scheduled Process:

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4	Col. 5	Col. 6	Col. 7	Col. 8	Col. 9
Process No.	Hold Tube Section	Inside Diameter of Hold	Hold Tube Section Length	Initial Temperature	Process Time	Temperature (at exit of final hold tube)	Fo (F18/250)	Maximum Product Flow Rate

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Number	Number	Tube Section		(*only for heating with control of flow rate before the heater) °Fahrenheit	Seconds	section)		
		Inches	Inches			°Fahrenheit	Minutes	Gal/min
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**I. Additional Information (Optional):**

Other (Attach document) \_\_\_\_\_

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