

intended solely to prepare fish for holding on board a harvest vessel. However, those fishing vessels otherwise engaged in processing fish, which for purposes of this section means handling, storing, preparing, heading, eviscerating, shucking, freezing, changing into different market forms, manufacturing, preserving, packing, labeling, dockside unloading, or holding are subject to all of the regulations in this subpart; and

(g) Facilities that are regulated exclusively, throughout the entire facility, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), or the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*).

#### **§ 1.227 What definitions apply to this subpart?**

(a) *The act* means the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

(b) The definitions of terms in section 201 of the act (21 U.S.C. 321) apply to such terms when used in this subpart.

(c) In addition, for the purposes of this subpart:

(1) *Calendar day* means every day shown on the calendar.

(2) *Facility* means any establishment, structure or structures under one management at one general physical location or, in the case of a mobile facility traveling to multiple locations, that manufactures/processes, packs, or holds food for consumption in the United States. Individual homes are not facilities if the food that is manufactured/processed, packed, or held in the home does not enter commerce. A facility may consist of one or more contiguous structures. A single building may house distinct facilities if they are under separate management.

(i) *Domestic facility* means any facility located in any State or Territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(ii) *Foreign facility* means a facility other than a domestic facility that manufactures/processes, packs, or holds food for consumption in the United States.

(3) *Farm* means a facility in one general physical location devoted to the growing of crops for food, the raising of animals for food (including seafood), or both. The term "farm" includes:

(i) Facilities that pack or hold food, provided that all food used in such activities is grown or raised on that farm or is consumed on that farm; and

(ii) Facilities that manufacture/process food, provided that all food used in such activities is consumed on

that farm or another farm under the same ownership.

(4) *Food* has the meaning given in section 201(f) of the act. Examples of food include, but are not limited to, fruits, vegetables, fish, dairy products, eggs, raw agricultural commodities for use as food or components of food, animal feed, including pet food, food and feed ingredients and additives, including substances that migrate into food from food packaging and other articles that contact food, dietary supplements and dietary ingredients; infant formula, beverages, including alcoholic beverages and bottled water, live food animals, bakery goods, snack foods, candy, and canned foods.

(5) *Holding* means storage of food. Holding facilities include, but are not limited to, warehouses, cold storage facilities, storage silos, grain elevators, or liquid storage tanks.

(6) *Manufacturing/processing* means making food from one or more ingredients, or synthesizing, preparing, treating, modifying or manipulating food, including food crops or ingredients. Examples include, but are not limited to: Cutting, peeling, trimming, washing, waxing, eviscerating, rendering, cooking, baking, freezing, cooling, pasteurizing, homogenizing, mixing, formulating, bottling, milling, grinding, extracting juice, distilling, labeling, or packaging.

(7) *Nonprofit food facility* means a charitable entity that prepares, serves, or otherwise provides food to the public. The term includes, but is not limited to, food banks, soup kitchens, and nonprofit food delivery services. To qualify as a nonprofit food facility, the entity must be exempt from paying federal income tax under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

(8) *Packing* means placing, putting, or repacking food into different containers without making any change to the form of the food.

(9) *Port of entry* means the water, air, or land port at which the article of food is imported or offered for import into the United States, i.e., the port where food first arrives in the United States. This port may be different than the port where the article of food is entered for U.S. Customs Service purposes.

(10) *Restaurant* means a facility that prepares and sells food directly to consumers for immediate consumption. Restaurants include, but are not limited to, cafeterias, lunchrooms, cafes, bistros, fast food establishments, food stands, saloons, taverns, bars, lounges, catering facilities, hospital kitchens, day care kitchens, and nursing home kitchens. Facilities that provide food to interstate

conveyances, rather than directly to consumers, are not restaurants.

(11) *Retail facility* means a facility that sells food products directly to consumers only. The term includes, but is not limited to, grocery and convenience stores, vending machine locations, and commissaries. The term includes facilities that not only sell food directly to consumers, but that also manufacture/process food in that facility solely for direct sale to consumers from that same facility.

(12) *U.S. agent* means a person residing or maintaining a place of business in the United States whom a foreign facility designates as its agent. A U.S. agent cannot be in the form of a mailbox, answering machine, or service, or other place where an individual acting as the foreign facility's agent is not physically present. The U.S. agent acts as a communications link between FDA and the facility. FDA will treat representations provided by the U.S. agent as those of the foreign facility, and consider information provided to the U.S. agent as the equivalent of providing the same information or documents to the foreign food facility.

(13) *You or registrant* means the owner, operator, or agent in charge of a facility that manufactures/processes, packs, or holds food for consumption in the United States.

### **Procedures for Registration of Food Facilities**

#### **§ 1.230 When must you register?**

The owner, operator, or agent in charge of a facility that manufactures/processes, holds, or packs food for consumption in the United States must be registered no later than December 12, 2003. Facilities that begin to manufacture/process, pack, or hold food for consumption in the United States on or after December 12, 2003, must be registered before they begin such activities.

#### **§ 1.231 How and where do you register?**

(a) Electronic registration: To register electronically, you must register at [a Web site that will be provided in the final rule], which will be available for registration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This Web site will be available wherever the Internet is accessible, including libraries, copy centers, schools, and Internet cafes, as well as a foreign facility's U.S. agent if the facility makes such arrangements. FDA strongly encourages electronic registration for the benefit of both FDA and the registrant. Once you complete your registration, FDA will provide you with an automatic electronic confirmation of