

(p) *Vessel*. Any passenger-carrying, cargo, or towing vessel exclusive of:

- (1) Fishing boats including those used for shell-fishing;
- (2) Tugs which operate only locally in specific harbors and adjacent waters;
- (3) Barges without means of self-propulsion;
- (4) Construction-equipment boats and dredges; and
- (5) Sand and gravel dredging and handling boats.

(q) *Watering point*. The specific place or water boat from which potable water is loaded on a conveyance.

(r) *Molluscan shellfish*. Any edible species of fresh or frozen oysters, clams, mussels, and scallops or edible portions thereof, except when the product consists entirely of the shucked adductor muscle.

(s) *Certification number* means a unique combination of letters and numbers assigned by a shellfish control authority to a molluscan shellfish processor.

(t) *Shellfish control authority* means a Federal, State, or foreign agency, or sovereign tribal government, legally responsible for the administration of a program that includes activities such as classification of molluscan shellfish growing areas, enforcement of molluscan shellfish harvesting controls, and certification of molluscan shellfish processors.

(u) *Tag* means a record of harvesting information attached to a container of shellstock by the harvester or processor.

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§ 1240.10 Effective bactericidal treatment.

Whenever, under the provisions of this part, bactericidal treatment is required, it shall be accomplished by one or more of the following methods:

(a) By immersion of the utensil or equipment for at least 2 minutes in clean hot water at a temperature of at least 170 °F or for one-half minute in boiling water;

(b) By immersion of the utensil or equipment for at least 2 minutes in a lukewarm chlorine bath containing at least 50 ppm of available chlorine if

hypochlorites are used or a concentration of equal bactericidal strength if chloramines are used;

(c) By exposure of the utensil or equipment in a steam cabinet at a temperature of at least 170 °F for at least 15 minutes or at a temperature of 200 °F for at least 5 minutes;

(d) By exposure of the utensil or equipment in an oven or hot air cabinet at a temperature of at least 180 °F for at least 20 minutes;

(e) In the case of utensils or equipment so designed or installed as to make immersion or exposure impractical, the equipment may be treated for the prescribed periods of time either at the temperatures or with chlorine solutions as specified above, (1) with live steam from a hose if the steam can be confined, (2) with boiling rinse water, or (3) by spraying or swabbing with chlorine solution;

(f) Any other method determined by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, upon application of an owner or operator of a conveyance, to be effective to prevent the spread of communicable disease.

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Subpart B—Administrative Procedures

§ 1240.20 Issuance and posting of certificates following inspections.

The Commissioner of Food and Drugs may issue certificates based upon inspections provided for in this part and part 1250. Such certificates shall be prominently posted on conveyances.

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§ 1240.30 Measures in the event of inadequate local control.

Whenever the Commissioner of Food and Drugs determines that the measures taken by health authorities of any State or possession (including political subdivisions thereof) are insufficient to prevent the spread of any of the communicable diseases from such State or possession to any other State or possession, he may take such measures to prevent such spread of the diseases as