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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 169.3 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part:

(a) The term *vanilla beans* means the properly cured and dried fruit pods of *Vanilla planifolia Andrews* and of *Vanilla tahitensis Moore*.

(b) The term *unit weight of vanilla beans* means, in the case of vanilla beans containing not more than 25 percent moisture, 13.35 ounces of such beans; and, in the case of vanilla beans containing more than 25 percent moisture, it means the weight of such beans equivalent in content of moisture-free vanilla-bean solids to 13.35 ounces of vanilla beans containing 25 percent moisture. (For example, one unit weight of vanilla beans containing 33.25 percent moisture amounts to 15 ounces.) The moisture content of vanilla beans is determined by the method prescribed in "Official Methods of Analysis of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists," 13th Ed. (1980), sections 7.004 and 7.005, which is incorporated by reference, except that the toluene used is blended with 20 percent by volume of benzene and the total distillation time is 4 hours. Copies of the material incorporated by reference may be obtained from the Association of Official Analytical Chemists International, 481 North Frederick Ave., suite 500, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2504, or may be examined at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC. To prepare samples for analysis, the pods are chopped into pieces approximately 1/4-inch in longest dimension, using care to avoid moisture change.

(c) The term *unit of vanilla constituent* means the total sapid and odorous principles extractable from one unit weight of vanilla beans, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, by an aqueous alcohol solution in which the

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content of ethyl alcohol by volume amounts to not less than 35 percent.

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Subpart B—Requirements for Specific Standardized Food Dressings and Flavorings

§ 169.115 French dressing.

(a) *Description.* French dressing is the separable liquid food or the emulsified viscous fluid food prepared from vegetable oil(s) and one or both of the acidifying ingredients specified in paragraph (b) of this section. One or more of the ingredients specified in paragraph (c) of this section may also be used. The vegetable oil(s) used may contain an optional crystallization inhibitor as specified in paragraph (c)(11) of this section. All the ingredients from which the food is fabricated shall be safe and suitable. French dressing contains not less than 35 percent by weight of vegetable oil. French dressing may be mixed and packed in an atmosphere in which air is replaced in whole or in part by carbon dioxide or nitrogen.

(b) *Acidifying ingredients.* (1) Any vinegar or any vinegar diluted with water, or any such vinegar or diluted vinegar mixed with an optional acidifying ingredient as specified in paragraph (c)(9) of this section. For the purpose of this paragraph, any blend of two or more vinegars is considered to be a vinegar.

(2) Lemon juice and/or lime juice in any appropriate form, which may be diluted with water.

(c) *Other optional ingredients.* The following optional ingredients may also be used:

- (1) Salt.
- (2) Nutritive carbohydrate sweeteners.
- (3) Spices and/or natural flavorings.
- (4) Monosodium glutamate.
- (5) Tomato paste, tomato puree, catsup, sherry wine.
- (6) Eggs and ingredients derived from eggs.
- (7) Color additives that will impart the color traditionally expected.