

(Effective until March 1, 2022.)

WAC 246-215-03425 Freezing—Parasite destruction (2009 FDA Food Code 3-402.11). (1) Except as specified in subsection (2) of this section, before service or sale in READY-TO-EAT form, raw, raw marinated, partially cooked, or marinated partially cooked FISH must be:

(a) Frozen and stored at a temperature of -4°F (-20°C) or below for one hundred sixty-eight hours (seven days) in a freezer; or

(b) Frozen at -31°F (-35°C) or below until solid and stored at -31°F (-35°C) for fifteen hours; or

(c) Frozen at -31°F (-35°C) or below until solid and stored at -4°F (-20°C) or below for a minimum of twenty-four hours.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH;

(b) Tuna of the species *Thunnus alalunga*, *Thunnus albacores* (Yellowfin tuna), *Thunnus atlanticus*, *Thunnus maccoyii* (Bluefin tuna, Southern), *Thunnus obesus* (Bigeye tuna), or *Thunnus thynnus* (Bluefin tuna, Northern); or

(c) Aquacultured FISH, such as salmon, that:

(i) If raised in open water, are raised in net pens; or

(ii) Are raised in land-based operations such as ponds or tanks;

and

(iii) Are fed formulated feed, such as pellets, that contains no live parasites infective to the aquacultured FISH.

(3) FISH EGGS that have been removed from the skein and rinsed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 and 43.20.145. WSR 13-03-109, § 246-215-03425, filed 1/17/13, effective 5/1/13.]

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(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH;

(b) A scallop product consisting only of the shucked adductor muscle;

(c) Tuna of the species *Thunnus alalunga*, *Thunnus albacares* (Yellowfin tuna), *Thunnus atlanticus*, *Thunnus maccoyii* (Bluefin tuna, Southern), *Thunnus obesus* (Bigeye tuna), or *Thunnus thynnus* (Bluefin tuna, Northern); or

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(e) FISH EGGS that have been removed from the skein and rinsed.

(f) Fresh unfrozen finfish, such as halibut or salmon, which are partially cooked only upon consumer request and served in accordance with WAC 246-215-03620 (2) and (3)(d).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20.050 and 43.20.145. WSR 21-01-122, § 246-215-03425, filed 12/15/20, effective 3/1/22; WSR 13-03-109, § 246-215-03425, filed 1/17/13, effective 5/1/13.]