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NCA Cranberry Sampling Proposal Approved by
Food and Drug Administration

The FDA today approved a procedure suggested by the NCA for sampling canned cranberry products which have left the canners warehouses and are in the channels of distribution. The procedure will greatly reduce the number of separate analyses and samples required under Emergency Sampling I issued by the FDA on Nov. 19.

The NCA proposal provides for a single, composite sample for chemical analyses for each code instead of from each lot. To utilize the NCA proposal, the canner must ascertain the quantity of each code number now held at each point in the channels of distribution. This information will then be used to provide the basis for a random sample of the lot. The number of cans in the sample would be based upon the total number of cases of the lot still unsold at all locations, i.e., 12 cans for lots of less than 100 cases, 24 cans for lots of 100 to 200 cases and 36 cans for lots of over 200 cases.

To implement this procedure, the following steps should be taken:

1. Ascertain the number of cases of each code in each distributor location

2. Send to NCA the record of the quantity at each location for each lot

3. NCA will then inform the canner the number of cans to obtain from the various locations for the official test analysis

4. Select at random the number of cans required from each location

5. Conduct a chemical analysis on a composite sample of equal portions from 12 cans

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