

Deficiency Definitions (2 Dec 09)

Critical Deficiency - a condition or practice which:

- (a) results in the production of a product that is unwholesome, or
- (b) presents a threat to the health and safety of the consumer,
- (c) exposes product to sources of contamination
- (d) compromises the assurance that food is processed under sanitary conditions

Serious Deficiency - a condition or practice which:

- (a) prevents proper plant sanitation, and/or
- (b) may result in the production of a tainted, decomposed or unwholesome product, but which is not considered to be a Critical deficiency

Minor Deficiency - a condition or practice which:

- (a) may inhibit general sanitation and/or
- (b) is not in compliance with the requirements of Schedule 1 & 2, but which is not considered to be a Serious or Critical deficiency.

Level of Compliance	SCORE RANGE BY TYPE OF DEFICIENCY		
	MINOR	SERIOUS	CRITICAL
A	0-5	0	0
B	6-10	1-2	0
C	11 or more	3-4	0
D	NA	5 or more	1 or more