

this subpart as safe and suitable for use in color additive mixtures for coloring foods.

(b) *Specifications.* The color additive shall conform to the following specifications:

Volatile matter, not more than 4 percent.
 Acid insoluble ash, not more than 0.5 percent.
 Lead (as Pb), not more than 10 parts per million.
 Arsenic (as As), not more than 1 part per million.
 Mercury (as Hg), not more than 1 part per million.

(c) *Uses and restrictions.* Dehydrated beets may be safely used for the coloring of foods generally in amounts consistent with good manufacturing practice, except that it may not be used to color foods for which standards of identity have been promulgated under section 401 of the act, unless the use of added color is authorized by such standards.

(d) *Labeling.* The label of the color additive and any mixtures prepared therefrom intended solely or in part for coloring purposes shall conform to the requirements of § 70.25 of this chapter.

(e) *Exemption from certification.* Certification of this color additive is not necessary for the protection of the public health, and therefore batches thereof are exempt from the certification requirements of section 721(c) of the act.

§ 73.50 Ultramarine blue.

(a) *Identity.* The color additive ultramarine blue is a blue pigment obtained by calcining a mixture of kaolin, sulfur, sodium carbonate, and carbon at temperatures above 700 °C. Sodium sulfate and silica may also be incorporated in the mixture in order to vary the shade. The pigment is a complex sodium aluminum sulfo-silicate having the approximate formula $\text{Na}_7\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{24}\text{S}_3$.

(b) *Specifications.* Ultramarine blue shall conform to the following specifications:

Lead (as Pb), not more than 10 parts per million.
 Arsenic (as As), not more than 1 part per million.
 Mercury (as Hg), not more than 1 part per million.

(c) *Uses and restrictions.* The color additive ultramarine blue may be safely used for coloring salt intended for animal feed subject to the restriction that the quantity of ultramarine blue does not exceed 0.5 percent by weight of the salt.

(d) *Labeling requirements.* The color additive shall be labeled in accordance with the requirements of § 70.25 of this chapter.

(e) *Exemption from certification.* Certification of this color additive is not necessary for the protection of the public health, and therefore batches thereof are exempt from the certification requirements of section 721(c) of the act.

§ 73.75 Canthaxanthin.

(a) *Identity.* (1) The color additive canthaxanthin is β -carotene-4,4'-dione.

(2) Color additive mixtures for food use made with canthaxanthin may contain only those diluents that are suitable and that are listed in this subpart as safe for use in color additive mixtures for coloring foods.

(b) *Specifications.* Canthaxanthin shall conform to the following specifications and shall be free from impurities other than those named to the extent that such other impurities may be avoided by good manufacturing practice:

Physical state, solid.
 1 percent solution in chloroform, complete and clear.
 Melting range (decomposition), 207 °C. to 212 °C. (corrected).
 Loss on drying, not more than 0.2 percent.
 Residue on ignition, not more than 0.2 percent.
 Total carotenoids other than trans-canthaxanthin, not more than 5 percent.
 Lead, not more than 10 parts per million.
 Arsenic, not more than 3 parts per million.
 Mercury, not more than 1 part per million.
 Assay, 96 to 101 percent.

(c) *Use and restrictions.* (1) The color additive canthaxanthin may be safely used for coloring foods generally subject to the following restrictions:

(i) The quantity of canthaxanthin does not exceed 30 milligrams per pound of solid or semisolid food or per pint of liquid food; and

(ii) It may not be used to color foods for which standards of identity have been promulgated under section 401 of