

# GUIDANCE FOR SPECIAL PROCESSING METHODS

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## METHODS WHICH REQUIRE A VARIANCE OR HAZARD ANALYSIS CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP) PLAN

Food establishments conducting specialized processing methods may be required to obtain a variance (written waiver or modification of the Food Code) and/or maintain a HACCP Plan (written document of the formal procedures). The following information applies to all temperature control for safety (TCS) food products that are undergoing a specialized processing method. Special processing methods include, but are not limited to: curing, custom processing of animals, packaging juice, reduced oxygen packaging, smoking foods for preservation, sprouting seeds or beans, and using a food additive to preserve or render a food non-TCS.

### Curing Food

Examples include cured pork sausage or beef pepper sticks.



### Custom Processing of Animals for Personal Use

Examples include processing domestic or wild game animals for personal use as food.



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## Molluscan Shellfish Tank

Includes operating a molluscan shellfish life-support system or display tank.



## Packaged Pasteurized Juice

Includes liquid expressed or extracted from fruits or vegetables and used as beverages.

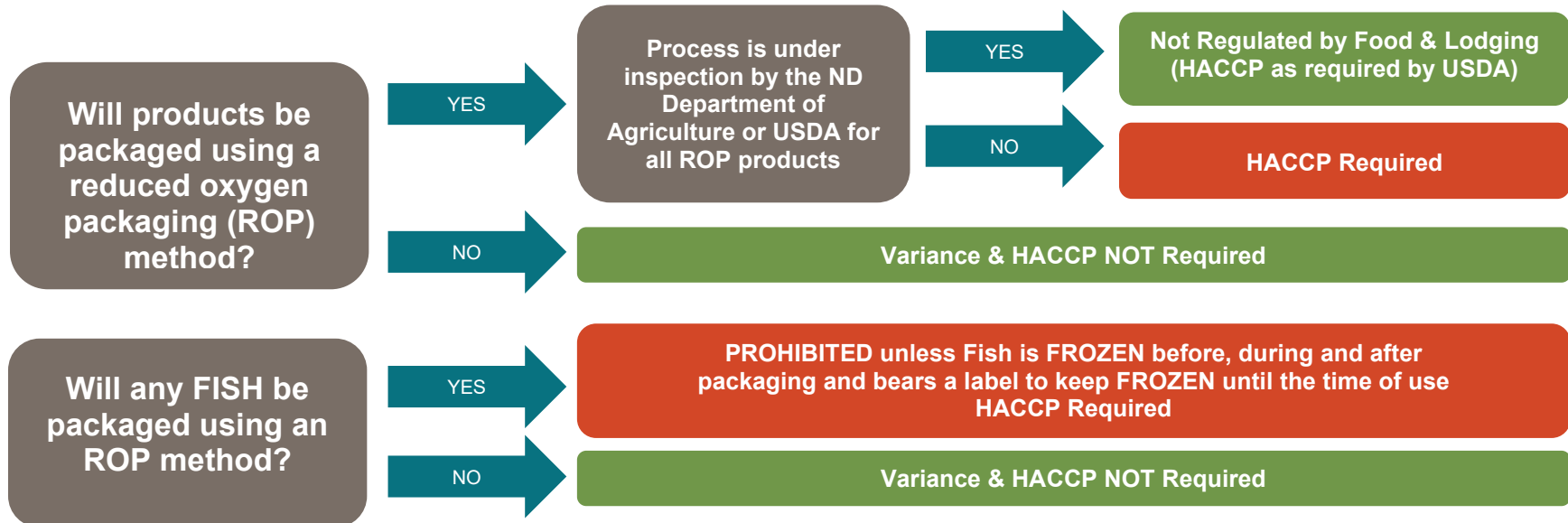


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## Reduced Oxygen Packaging

Includes the following types of packaging: vacuum, modified or controlled atmosphere, cook chill, and sous vide.



## Smoking Food for Preservation

An example includes shelf-stable beef jerky.



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## Sprouting Seeds or Beans

Includes the sprouting of any seeds or beans for raw human consumption.



## Using a Food Additive for Preservation or to Render a Food Non-TCS

Examples include foods such as pickles or salsa.

