

Chapter Ag 84

CHEESE STYLES, BOXES AND HOOPS

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Note: Chapter Ag 119 as it existed on June 30, 1978 was repealed and a new chapter Ag 84 was created effective July 1, 1978.

Ag 84.01 Definitions. (1) "Department" means the state of Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

(2) "Cheese" means cheddar, granular, colby, washed curd, Monterey (Jack) and Swiss cheese.

(3) "Boxes" means wood, fiber, corrugated metal, or veneer containers used as receptacles for cheese.

(4) "Diameter" means the diameter of the larger round end of cylindrical shaped cheese.

(5) "Cheese hoops" means forms used to mold various styles of cheese described under s. Ag 84.02.

(6) "Scale board" means a flat piece of wood or veneer placed in the cheese box or container to protect the cheese from damage.

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Ag 84.02 cheese styles; standards. Cheese manufactured and sold under the following traditional styles shall conform to the size and weight standards for such styles as specified in the table below:

Style	Weight in Pounds	Diameter in Inches	Height in Inches	Length in Inches	Width in Inches
(1) CHEDDAR	70 to 78	14½	12 to 12½		
(2) FLAT	32 to 37	14½	6½ to 8½		
(3) DAISY	21 to 24	14	4 to 4½		
(4) LONGHORN	12½ to 13½	6	12 to 12½		
(5) MIDGET	11 to 12½	9½	4½ to 4¾		
(6) 20-LB. BLOCK	20¾ to 22		3½ to 3¾	14 to 14½	11 to 11½
(7) 40-LB. BLOCK	41 to 44		6½ to 7¾	14 to 14½	11 to 11½
(8) 60-LB. BLOCK	61 to 65		10½ to 10¾	14 to 14½	11 to 11½
(9) 640-LB. BLOCK	640 Minimum				
(10) BARREL; 55 Gal.					
(a) Metal	480 Minimum	22½	33¾		
(b) Fiber	480 Minimum	23¾	33 to 34		
(11) SWISS CHEESE RINDLESS BLOCKS					
(a) Single	95 to 98		7 to 8½	25 to 26½	15 to 15½
(b) Double	190 to 196		7 to 8½	25 to 26½	30 to 31½

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Ag 84.03 Cheese hoops. Cheese hoops shall be of such size and shape that the cheese molded therein will conform to size and weight standards for cheese styles as specified under s. Ag 84.02.

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Ag 84.04 New boxes. All boxes or containers for cheese shall be securely nailed or bound together and strong enough to carry the weight of the cheese they are designed to carry, and shall conform to the following requirements:

(1) The dimensions of boxes or containers shall be sufficient to permit the easy entrance and removal of the cheese and thoroughly envelop and protect the cheese.

(2) All boxes shall be clean and free of insects or other forms of contamination prior to sale or use.

(3) Boxes manufactured from wood or veneer shall be constructed of commercially dry materials and contain not more than 18% moisture prior to sale or use as a receptacle for cheese.

(4) Scale boards shall not contain in excess of 18% moisture.

(5) The name and address of the manufacturer shall be plainly stamped or impressed in type at least $\frac{1}{4}$ inch high on the body of all boxes or containers manufactured for use as a receptacle or container for cheese.

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Ag 84.05 Barrels. Barrel cheese shall be marketed or transported in barrels free of liquids or excess moisture and covered with full removable covers which are securely jacketed and sealed.

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Ag 84.06 Used boxes. (1) All boxes that have been used as containers for cheese shall, before being reused in the marketing or transporting of cheese, be reconditioned as required and be cleaned so as to be free from adhering materials, objectionable odors or mold or other insanitary conditions.

(2) Before the reuse of used boxes in the marketing or transporting of cheese, all markings shall be completely obliterated or removed from the box except for markings used to designate the original manufacturer.

(3) Used wood or veneer boxes shall meet the moisture requirements of new boxes at the time of reuse.

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Ag 84.07 Other type boxes or containers. (1) The department may, on a temporary basis, authorize the experimental use of new types of boxes or containers deviating from requirements or standards as provided under this chapter to determine their feasibility in the containerization or shipment of cheese. If new type boxes or containers are found to be satisfactory, the department may authorize their continued or general use. Consent may be withdrawn if boxes or containers are found to be unsatisfactory.

(2) Shipping materials or containers conforming with standards adopted by the United States department of agriculture for the marketing and transporting of cheese shall meet the box or container requirements under this chapter.

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Ag 84.08 Authority; enforcement. This chapter is adopted under authority of ss. 93.07(1) and 93.09, Stats. Any person violating this chapter may be punished as provided in s. 93.21, Stats.

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