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consumer radio briefs

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Sanitary Lids

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The lids of glass jars that contain meat and poultry products may get a new look because of consumer complaints to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA officials report many consumer complaints concerning the quick-twist, screw-on, and snap-on type lids on meat food-product containers. Dirt and insects can collect inside the lip of the jar lid. When the jar is opened and the vacuum seal is broken, the in-rushing air may carry the dirt or insects into the jar.

Under a proposed change in regulations by the USDA, container lids must be designed so that foreign matter can't get to the inner part of the lid. This can be done by eliminating the space between the lid and the container or by placing a seal over that space.

Consumers who want to comment on the proposal have until October 1st to file their comments, in duplicate, with the Hearing Clerk, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.

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Selecting Frozen Fruits

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Frozen fruits should be frozen solid. If fruits in a package are not firm, it may mean they have been defrosted at some time during marketing and therefore may have lost quality. Stains on the package may also indicate defrosting.

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