



2017 Agency Food Distribution Guidelines

Product	Product Consumed By	Non-Acceptable Conditions
Dairy (product date is usually a sell by date)		Damaged packaging, odd taste, odor, mold
Fresh Milk	7 days after Product Date	
Yogurt / Cream	7 days after Product Date	
Butter	Up to 30 days after Product Date	
Cream Cheese	14 days after Product Date	
Cheese	Up to 30 days after Product Date	
Eggs	Up to 28 days after Product Date	
Margarine	Up to 30 days after Product Date	
Frozen Butter, Cream Cheese, Hard Cheese	Up to 180 days after Product Date or Date Frozen	
Perishable Beverages, OJ	7 days after Product Date	
Cans and Jars (product date is usually a use by date)		Damaged seals, bulging, severe dents, popped safety seal
Soup	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Condiments	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Vegetables	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Fish	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Meat	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Prepackaged Foods		Damaged packaging, stale, mold, insects
Cereal	Up to 180 days after Product Date	
Crackers	Up to 180 days after Product Date	
Dried Pasta	Up to 180 days after Product Date	
Dried Beans	Up to 180 days after Product Date	
Rice	Up to 180 days after Product Date	
Baking Supplies		Damaged packaging, stale, mold, insects
Bread, Muffin Mixes	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Cake, Brownie Mixes	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Cookie, Dessert Mixes	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Piecrust	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Pancake, Roll, Biscuit Mixes	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Frosting Ready to Spread	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Frozen Product		Defrosted or damaged product, freezer burn, ice crystals
Meat	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Seafood	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Poultry	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Vegetables	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Ice Cream / Retail Pack	Up to 365 days after Product Date	
Baby Food		Any product that has expired
Baby Food	Product Date	
Infant Formula	Product Date	
Baby Juice	Product Date	
Beverages		Damaged packaging, odd taste, odor or mold
Nonperishable	Up to 365 days after Product Date	