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Production Date Coding

I. Production CODE

1. The code consists of five digits:

a. The first digit is a number and indicates the year of production:

3 = 2003 4 = 2004

b. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th digits are the Julian day code indicating the day of the year packed:

023 = 23rd day of the year or Jan. 23.

147 = 147th day of the year or May 27

c. The 5th digit is a number indicating the production time interval, which changes every 2 hours.

1. = first, 2 hour period, 06:00 to 07:59,

2. = second, 2 hour period, 08:00 to 09:59, etc...

Example: August 20, 2003 @ 06:30 = **3232-1**

2. The code noted above is to be printed on all primary containers and all grade sheets to assure proper identification of any products for recall purposes.