

We have Puerto Rico and other areas to think of because of the high temperature. Therefore, we added up to one-tenth of 1 percent as a mold inhibitor. We didn't use sodium benzoate, which many of the commercial margarines use as a preservative to keep the fat in suspension better. It is a taste matter. It is a matter of preserving the high taste for a longer period of time.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. It has nothing to do with shelf life.

Mr. GRANGE. Not as such. Not as far as spoilage is concerned.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. That is the reason you rejected it.

Mr. GRANGE. The mold inhibitor we used would definitely tie in with shelf life.

My point is: Our rejecting this particular carload didn't in any way, in our judgment, connote that this was a product that would be inferior, if sold commercially, to many other types of margarines that also are being offered under commercial labels for retail sale.

Dr. MEHREN. And meeting the standards of identity for margarine.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Thank you very much.

Mr. MYERS. In the case of your frozen products, what prevents the processor from refreezing it, getting it down below the 15 degrees and sending it back to you?

Dr. MEHREN. I don't know what would prevent it, if anything.

Mr. MYERS. You would have no objection if they did that?

Dr. MEHREN. I would have some objections, yes. I think our contract terms would specify the requirements for procurement, would specify all that he is required to do in preparing turkey for us and there would be an ante mortem inspection, inspection during the slaughter process, postslaughter inspection, the preparation of a raw bird into freezing—and those are the terms and none others.

I would think if he took it back and on the sly refroze it and tried to slip it back it would be a prima facie breach of procurement terms.

Mr. MYERS. Knowingly you wouldn't buy it back.

Dr. MEHREN. Knowingly our people would take a dismal view of this.

Mr. MYERS. Would they buy it?

Dr. MEHREN. Not knowingly.

Mr. MYERS. It would still be grade A.

Dr. MEHREN. We wouldn't buy it. We go beyond grade A. We specify the procedures and the raw materials in every procedure that must be met up to the time of delivery. It doesn't include refreezing. If he refroze it he would be deviating from contract terms.

Mr. MYERS. Why shouldn't you accept it?

Before I believe I heard you say you could refreeze without any damage done except it might drop a little bit. It would still be above grade A. Why would you not accept it? On what grounds would you refuse it?

Dr. MEHREN. We would not accept it unless there was specific provision within those contract terms as to refreezing.

Mr. MYERS. Just by contract.

Dr. MEHREN. Yes.

Mr. MYERS. Arbitrarily you would—

Dr. MEHREN. Not arbitrarily.

Mr. MYERS. For no reason.

Dr. MEHREN. Not arbitrarily.

Mr. MYERS. What would be the reason behind it?