§ 73.500 Saffron.

(a) Identity. (1) The color additive saffron is the dried stigma of Crocus sativus L. The definition of saffron in this paragraph is for the purpose of identity as a color additive only, and shall not be construed as setting forth an official standard for saffron under section 401 of the act.

(2) Color additive mixtures made with saffron may contain as diluents only those substances listed in this subpart as safe and suitable in color additive mixtures for coloring foods.

(b) Uses and restrictions. Saffron may be safely used for the coloring of foods generally, in amounts consistent with good manufacturing practice, except that it may not be used to color foods for which standards of identity have been promulgated under section 401 of the act, unless the use of added color is authorized by such standards.

(c) Labeling. The color additive and any mixtures intended solely or in part for coloring purposes prepared therefrom shall bear, in addition to the other information required by the act, labeling in accordance with the provisions of §70.25 of this chapter.

(d) Exemption from certification. Certification of this color additive is not necessary for the protection of the public health, and therefore batches thereof are exempt from the certification requirements of section 721(c) of the act.

§ 73.575 Titanium dioxide.

(a) Identity. (1) The color additive titanium dioxide is synthetically prepared TiO$_2$, free from admixture with other substances.

(2) Color additive mixtures for food use made with titanium dioxide may contain only those diluents that are suitable and that are listed in this subpart as safe in color additive mixtures for coloring foods, and the following: Silicon dioxide, SiO$_2$ and/or aluminum oxide, Al$_2$O$_3$, as dispersing aids—not more than 2 percent total.

(b) Specifications. Titanium dioxide shall conform to the following specifications:

- Lead (as Pb), not more than 10 parts per million.
- Arsenic (as As), not more than 1 part per million.
- Antimony (as Sb), not more than 2 parts per million.
- Mercury (as Hg), not more than 1 part per million.
- Loss on ignition at 800 °C. (after drying for 3 hours at 105 °C.), not more than 0.5 percent.
- Water soluble substances, not more than 0.3 percent.
- Acid soluble substances, not more than 0.5 percent.
- TiO$_2$, not less than 99.0 percent after drying for 3 hours at 105 °C.

Leads, arsenic, and antimony shall be determined in the solution obtained by boiling 10 grams of the titanium dioxide for 15 minutes in 50 milliliters of 0.5N hydrochloric acid.

(c) Uses and restrictions. The color additive titanium dioxide may be safely used for coloring foods generally, subject to the following restrictions:

(1) The quantity of titanium dioxide does not exceed 1 percent by weight of the food.

(2) It may not be used to color foods for which standards of identity have been promulgated under section 401 of the act unless added color is authorized by such standards.