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Creating Food Product Specification Issues

Directions:

Your task is to create five Food Product Specification questions with one food product. You will trade your paper (and food item) with a classmate to test each other's ability to complete this task.

- 1) The task here is to learn what to look for. What could be wrong? Unsafe? What could be different about the food product you are looking at? When you receive your food item, it will be to compliance. Your job is to do the following:
- 2) Make it NOT in compliance with some of the questions above. How are you going to do that? You may open, remove, add, etc. to your product.
- 3) Write 5 questions (you may use some of the above and questions of your own).
- 4) Write a key to your questions.
- 5) When finished, trade papers and your food item with a classmate. Classmates should record their responses to your questions.

Helpful Tips:

- 1) Select one food item. Study the nutritional label on the food item. What does it say? How can you alter the contents of the food item to make it different than what the label says? There will be no right or wrong way in this activity. This is simply a challenge to see what you can come up with.
Example: Perhaps the weight of the container is 6 grams. When you weigh it, it actually weighs 4 grams. Therefore, the item is not in compliance with the label/regulations. **Do not use this example.**
 - Brainstorm here:

- 2) Here are some ideas to help get you started with your food sample and questions:
 - 1) The sample meets proper, stated weight requirements. True or False
 - 2) The sample contains the proper labeling. True or False
 - 3) The sample should not be consumed due to it being unsafe. True or False
 - 4) The sample is filled to the correct level. True or False
 - 5) The sample is not in the appropriate packaging. True or False
 - 6) This sample has been enriched with ingredients. True or False

The serving size of this sample is correct. True or False

- 3) After you determine how you will alter your product, develop 5 questions to go along with your food item.
Example: Is the sample filled to the correct level? (It may be true, if it is filled to the brim.) Is the sample the correct weight? (False.) Is the sample safe to consume? (Depends on if anything else has been added. If so, no. If no, yes. If it does not appear to be the same product as the label states, it is not safe to consume.) When you trade papers, do not assume because the packaging is open that it is unsafe. Ignore that factor because we have to open products to alter them. In a factory, this may happen before the product is finished, therefore, making the product safe to consume unless it has foreign material in it, is not sealed, etc.

**Use the "My Food Product Is ..." worksheet to complete the above activity.

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MY FOOD PRODUCT IS:

My 5 questions regarding Food Product Specification Compliance:

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

NAME OF CLASSMATE WITH WHOM I TRADED PAPERS: _____