

## Testing Method Recommendations for Filth in Chili Candy Products

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\*\*Please note, this recommendation is intended to provide supplemental general information to private laboratories on methods of analysis and test portion sizes of chili candy products. This document does not outline all the analytical method or worksheet requirements for packages being submitted for FDA review. \*\*

Please refer to the current FDA Laboratory Manual, Volume III, Section 7 for comprehensive information on private laboratory package requirements and the review process:

<https://www.fda.gov/media/73540/download>

### Analytical Protocol:

Samples should consist of at least six sub-samples, each with a minimum of 2 pounds, for official analysis.

### Sample Methods:

Use a method for filth in candy, such as AOAC Official Method 971.34 Filth in Candy.

After the AOAC method for filth in candy is performed, and when needed and/or the amount of chili powder warrants it, consider using a capsicum method (such as AOAC Official Method 978.22 Light Filth in Capsicums (Ground)).

### Quality Assurance:

Laboratory must follow the methodology specified in the private laboratory package submission. Any method modifications or deviations to the cited method must be explained and validation must be documented.

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