

## Testing Method Recommendations for Filth in Dried Peppers on IA 24-11

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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 dried chipotle peppers. 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>

### **Sample Collection:**

Samples should consist of 6 subsamples, each with a minimum of 454 g, for official analysis.

### **Analytical Protocol:**

Macroscopic: MPM V-8.E Supplemental Method for Whole Chili Pepper Pods, *Capsicum* spp. L. Both procedures (4) and (5) should be performed.

Note: For V-8 (5), please review the sample preparation section for info on amount of product to examine, based on size of chili pepper pods.

**Document all filth elements** and report findings according to AOAC 970.66. Note that other extraneous materials (e.g., fibers, paint chips, etc.) need to be described and reported by type and appropriate quantitative figure.

### **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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