

21 U.S.C.A. § 342

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Title 21. Food and Drugs ([Refs & Annos](#))

☞ [Chapter 9](#). Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ([Refs & Annos](#))

☞ [Subchapter IV](#). Food

➔ **§ 342. Adulterated food**

A food shall be deemed to be adulterated--

(a) Poisonous, insanitary, etc., ingredients

(1) If it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health; but in case the substance is not an added substance such food shall not be considered adulterated under this clause if the quantity of such substance in such food does not ordinarily render it injurious to health. [\[FN1\]](#) (2)(A) if it bears or contains any added poisonous or added deleterious substance (other than a substance that is a pesticide chemical residue in or on a raw agricultural commodity or processed food, a food additive, a color additive, or a new animal drug) that is unsafe within the meaning of [section 346](#) of this title; or (B) if it bears or contains a pesticide chemical residue that is unsafe within the meaning of [section 346a\(a\)](#) of this title; or (C) if it is or if it bears or contains (i) any food additive that is unsafe within the meaning of [section 348](#) of this title; or (ii) a new animal drug (or conversion product thereof) that is unsafe within the meaning of [section 360b](#) of this title; or (3) if it consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for food; or (4) if it has been prepared, packed, or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered injurious to health; or (5) if it is, in whole or in part, the product of a diseased animal or of an animal which has died otherwise than by slaughter; or (6) if its container is composed, in whole or in part, of any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render the contents injurious to health; or (7) if it has been intentionally subjected to radiation, unless the use of the radiation was in conformity with a regulation or exemption in effect pursuant to [section 348](#) of this title.