

1550.1820 PACKAGING AND FILLING AREA.

Subpart 1. **General.** The immediate area shall be properly constructed and used only for the purpose intended and not for storage of materials such as crowns, bottles, etc. The packaging and filling areas shall be kept in a clean, sanitary condition and be constructed so as to be easily cleaned. These areas shall be adequately ventilated and adequately lighted with properly shielded lighting.

Subp. 2. **Satisfactory compliance.** This part is deemed to be satisfied when:

A. The floor is constructed of good quality, properly sealed concrete, tile, or other smooth, impervious material. The floor is maintained in a clean, sanitary condition, in good repair and graded to drain properly to trapped drains.

B. The light intensity is no less than 20 footcandles. A minimum of 30 footcandles is recommended at the loading and discharge ends of the washer and filling machinery. All lights located in the filling or packaging areas where their breakage could cause contamination of product shall be equipped with protective shields.

C. The walls are clean, smooth, washable, and light colored up to the height reached by splash or water spray. Materials such as concrete, cement plaster, tile, glazed brick or block, water proofed or painted asbestos board or plaster, or equivalent materials shall be considered acceptable. The wall area above height reached by splash or water spray, including ceiling, may be constructed of sound retarding material provided that it is moisture resistant and is not conducive to multiplication of microorganisms or harboring of insects and rodents and is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

D. No crowns, bottles, labels, or other materials except those for immediate use are present in filling area.

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