

# Food Packaging Technology Handbook (2nd Revised Edition)



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Food packaging technology is primarily concerned with packaging activities regarding protection of food products from biological, physical or chemical agents. With the growth of modern civilization, people are getting more concerned with hygiene and quality of the food. As a result of that, food packaging is gradually setting up its stand to contend with other industries. The importance of food packaging hardly needs emphasizing since only a handful of foods are sold in an unpackaged state. Packaging is the science, art, and technology of enclosing or protecting products for distribution, storage, sale, and use. Packaging also refers to the process of design, evaluation, and production of packages. Packaging can be described as a coordinated system of preparing goods for transport, warehousing, logistics, sale, and end use. Packaging contains, protects, preserves, transports, informs, and sells. With an increasing focus on sustainability and cost effectiveness, responsible companies no longer want to over package their food products, yet many remain unsure just where reductions can effectively be made. In near future it is going to be a booming industry. Food packaging can functionally be subdivided into five parts, which are containment, protection, communication, functionality, environmental and safety issues. The packaging industry's growth has led to greater specialization and sophistication from the point of view of health and environment friendliness of packing material. The demand on the packaging industry is challenging, given the increasing environmental awareness among communities. The food packaging industry is growing at the rate of 22 to 25 per cent per annum. In near future it is going to be a booming industry. This book majorly deals with food adulteration and food quality control, strategy for achieving, success in food packaging, packaging materials for processed foods, food additives, trend of carbonated and still beverage spoilage, examination of canned foods, international food packaging, standard related to food safety, aseptic packaging of foodstuffs, computer aided graphic design in food packaging, thermal process determination, designing of thermal process for low acid foods, modified atmosphere packaging etc. Along with these features the book also encloses the description of equipments and machineries used in food processing and preservation with diagrams. This book also contains photographs of equipments and machineries used in food packaging. This book gives comprehensive account of food packaging, which is the most important part to preserve the food for a long time. The present volume has been written primarily for the benefit of new entrepreneurs, technologists, technical libraries and for those who want to diversify in the field of food industry.

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