Decide About Each Partly Thawed Freezer Package - working notes

One situation. Clear facts. An honest next step.

After a freezer interruption, assess each food with the official frozen-food chart. Ice crystals or a temperature at 40°F or below may permit refreezing, but food-specific exceptions still apply.

Hypothetical example: An adult checks a meat package and ice cream against separate chart rows. The meat package's condition does not decide the ice cream's disposition.

01 Do not decide for the freezer as one object

Identify the package and actual interruption evidence.

Food category

Known event timing

Missing history

02 Match the evidence to the frozen-food chart

Find its row in the official frozen-food chart.

Chart row consulted

Applicable chart condition

Exception or caution

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03 Write the observed condition without improving it

Compare observed condition with the applicable column.

Ice crystals actually observed

Temperature and check time if measured

Uncertainty needing guidance

04 Finish the food action before reorganizing

Carry out and record the food-specific disposition.

Refreeze use or discard decision

Action completed or pending

Adult follow-up needed