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Schlemmerová L., Houška M., Špelina V., A., Šmuhařová H., Němcová I., Kýhos K., Průchová J., Novotná P., Měřička P.: Baroinactivation of *Staphylococcus* epidermidis –

mathematical model and its verification using human and cow milk

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Staphylococcus epidermidis, commonly found on the human skin, may contaminate human milk. High-pressure pasteurisation of human milk under normal temperature preserves the majority of its protective agents. The objective of this study was to acquire baroinactivation data and develop a model for model solutions of pH = 6.4 to

7.2 and water activity $a_{w} = 0.99$, in which baroinactivation of Staphylococcus epidermidis takes place. Decontamination data manifested exponential kinetics and the resulting model was described by the following equations: $D_p = D_{p, ref} \times 10$ (Pref - P)/Z, Z = -123.90 pH2 +1635.54 pH - 5210.49; D_{p, ref} = -8.89 pH2 + 121.02 pH - 408.34. The developed model was verified using pasteurised human milk and UHT-treated skimmed cow milk. The agreement between the experimental data and model-based prediction was very good for human milk. It was proved that the application of a pressure of 350 MPa for 10 min decreased the concentration of the working suspension of S. epidermidis in the model substrate by a minimum of five orders.

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