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## **Rheological Behavior of Casein Micelles and Reconstituted Gels: The Effect of Temperature on Gelation Induced**

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The temperature dependence of the gelation process for various reconstituted systems was investigated by analysis of gelation curves obtained from measurements under the conditions of a fixed weight ratio of rennet to casein. The gelation rate for the casein micelle suspension decreased abruptly with increasing temperature and the maximum modulus shows a maximum at 20°C. On the other hand, the gelation rate for reconstituted skim milk passed through a maximum at 30 and 40°C, and the maximum modulus decreases with increasing temperature. The gelation rate for reconstituted skim milk is much slower than that for the casein micelle suspension at the corresponding temperature. These results were explained by as

of lactose and  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin caused the reduction in the gelation in micelle systems.

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