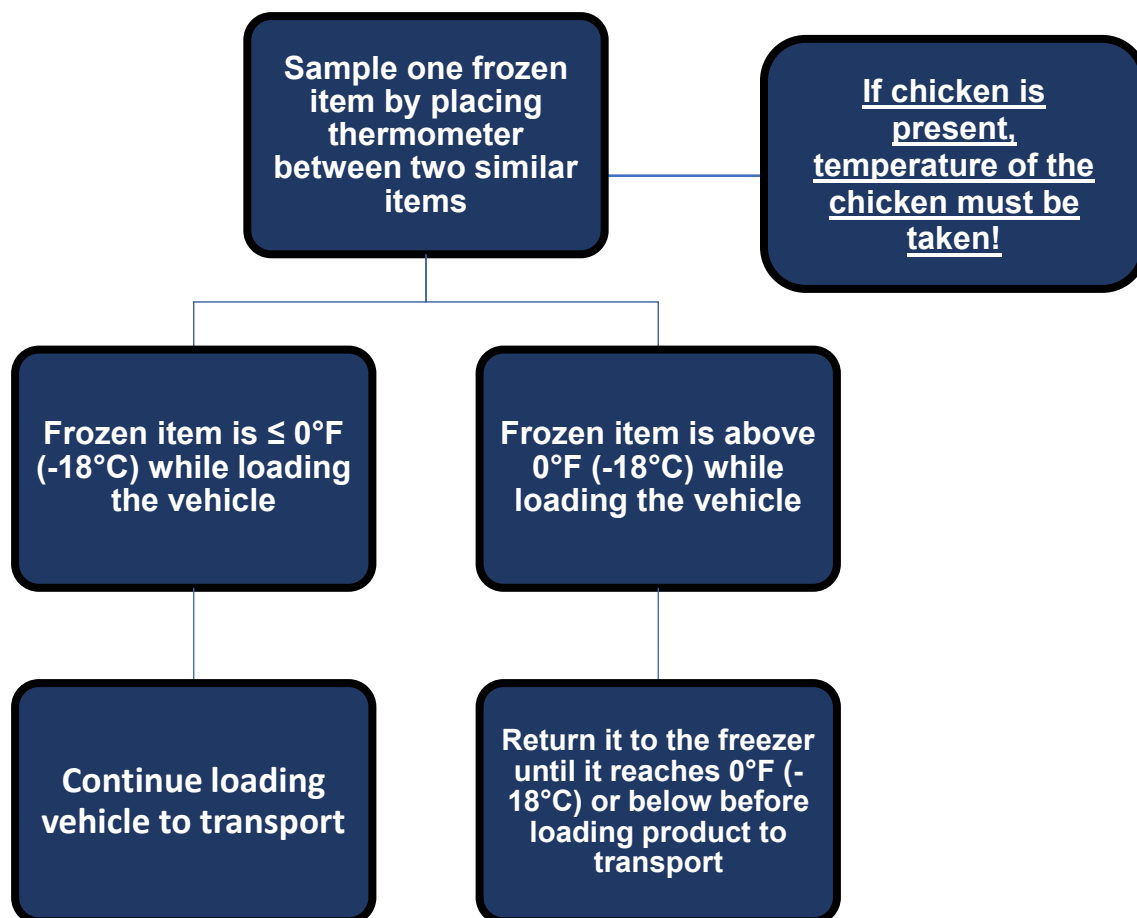


Temperature Monitoring Decision Tree



Loading Frozen Product

At the point of loading the vehicle, follow this decision tree:



Why Temperature Checks Are Needed

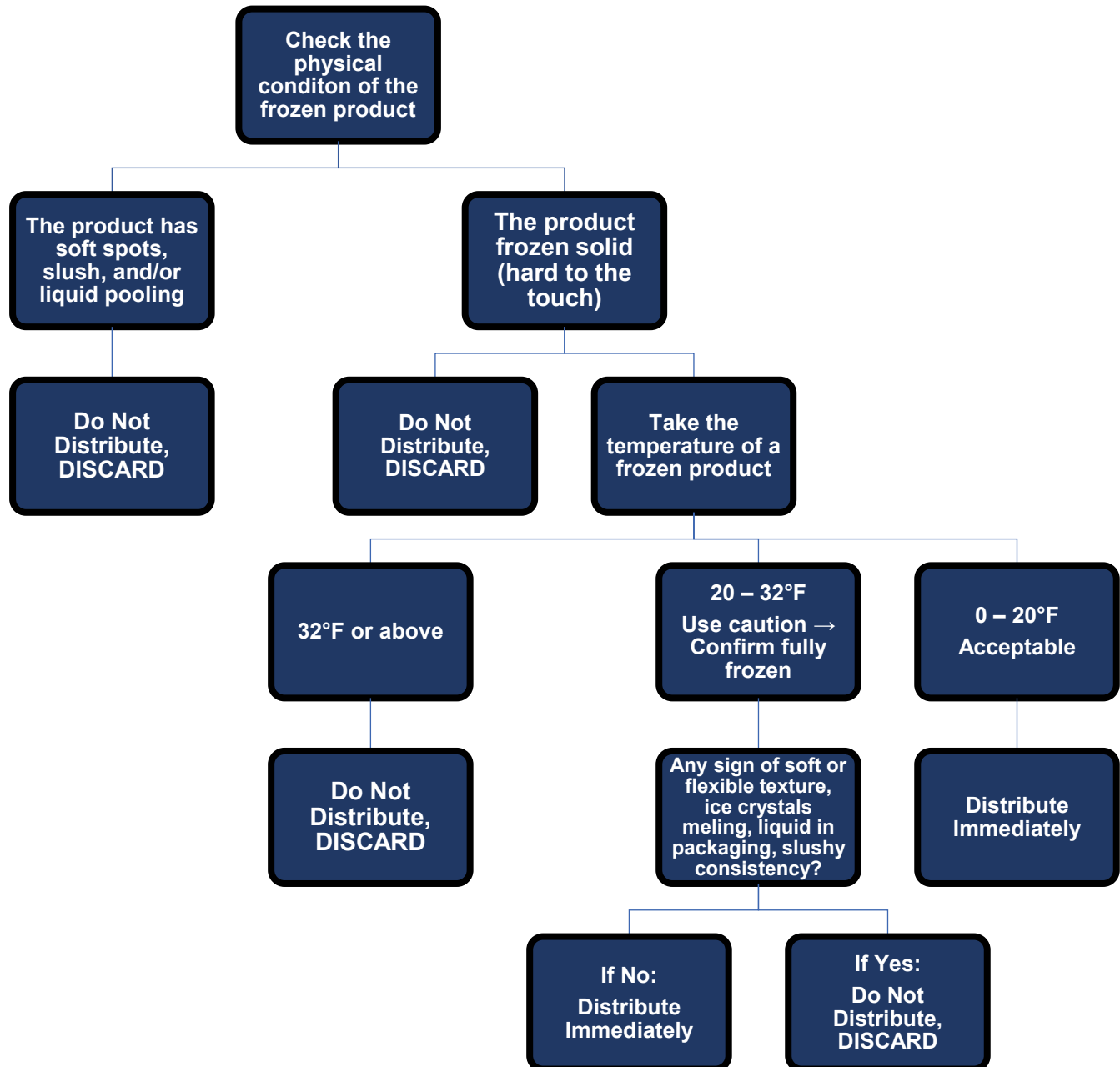
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Temperature Monitoring Decision Tree



Unloading Frozen Product

Upon unloading product, follow this decision tree:



Automatic Discard Situations

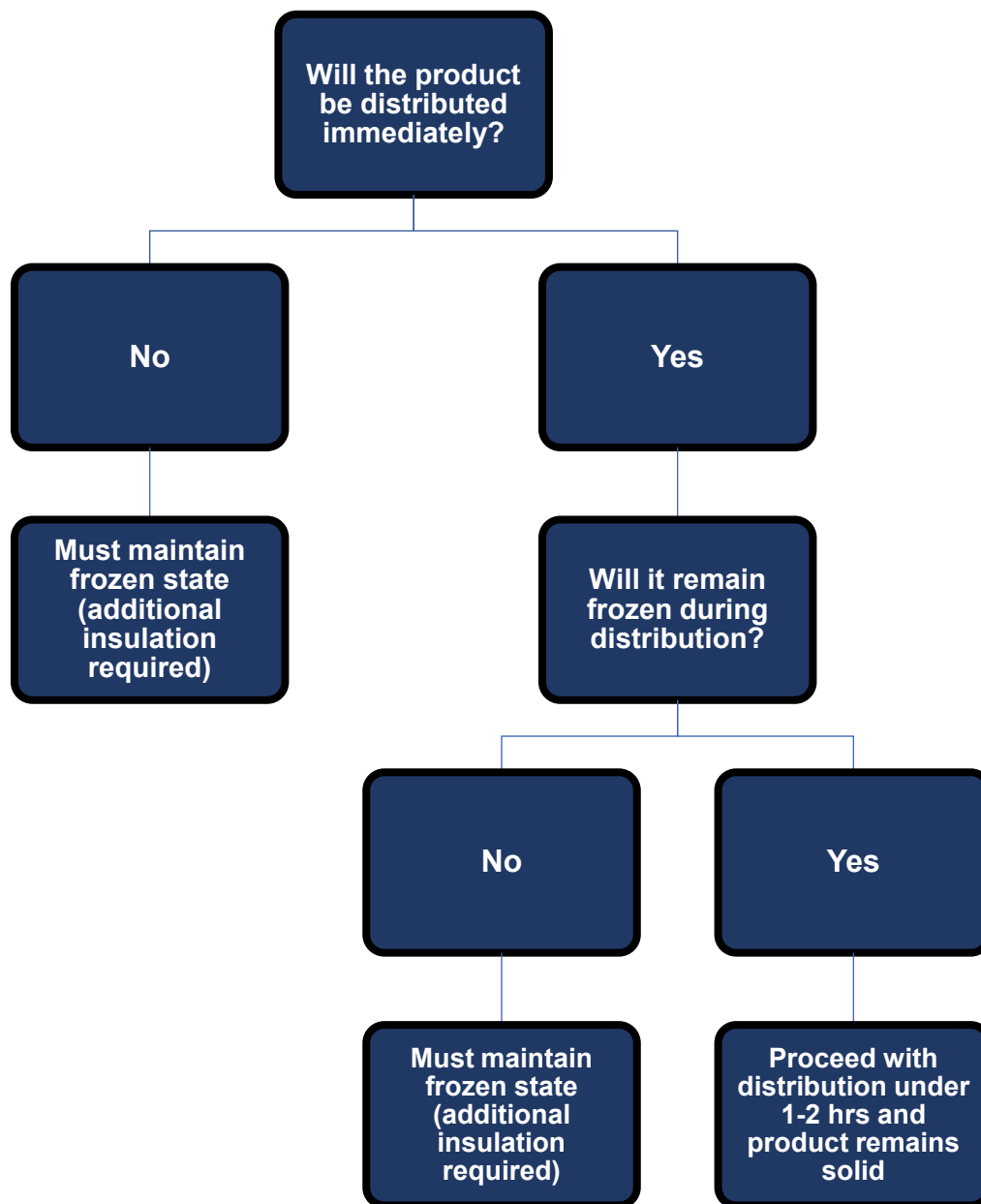
- Product is partially thawed, soft, or flexible
- Evidence of thawing and refreezing
- Internal temperature at or above 32°F
- Product held unrefrigerated after thawing

Temperature Monitoring Decision Tree



Distribution of Frozen Product Timing

If product will be distributed/delivered immediately, follow this decision tree:



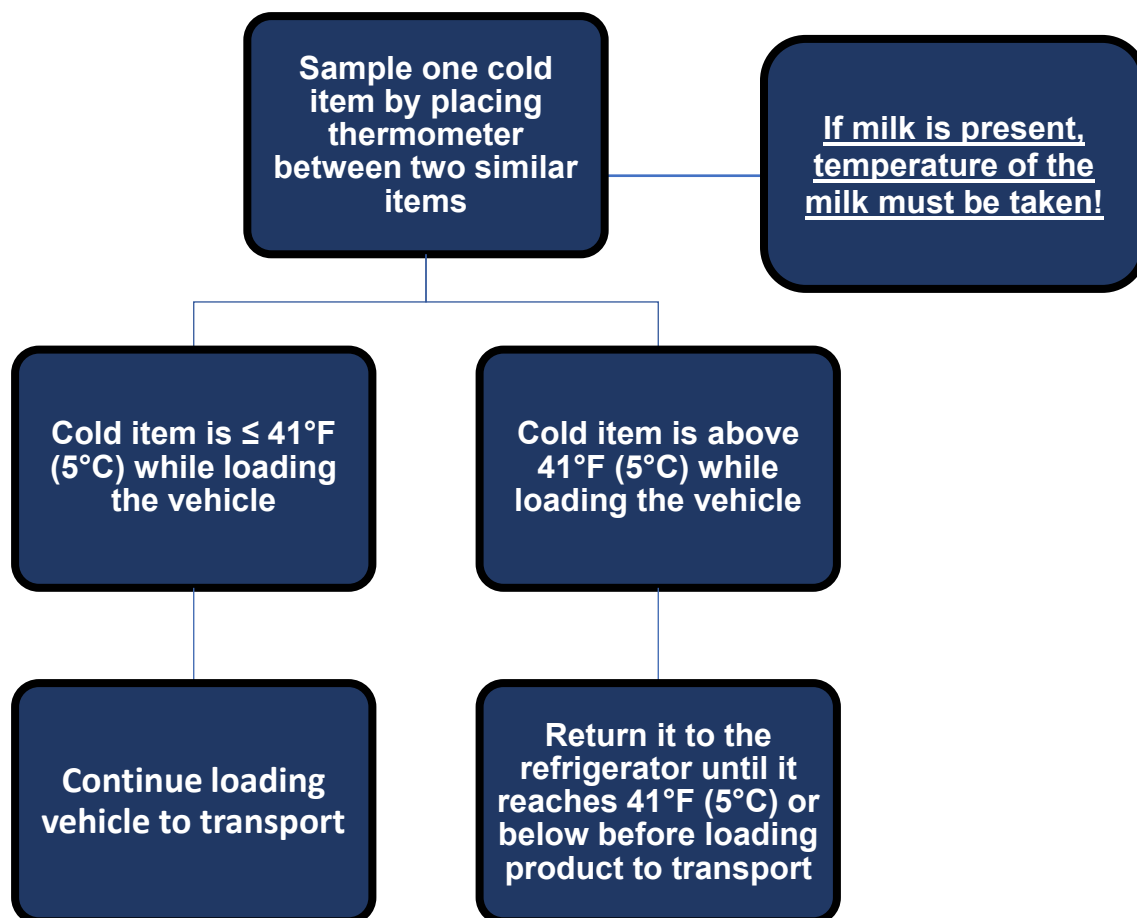
If product is becoming soft → Stop distribution, discard immediately

Temperature Monitoring Decision Tree



Loading Cold Product (For GR and Satellites)

At the point of loading the vehicle, follow this decision tree:



Why Temperature Checks Are Needed

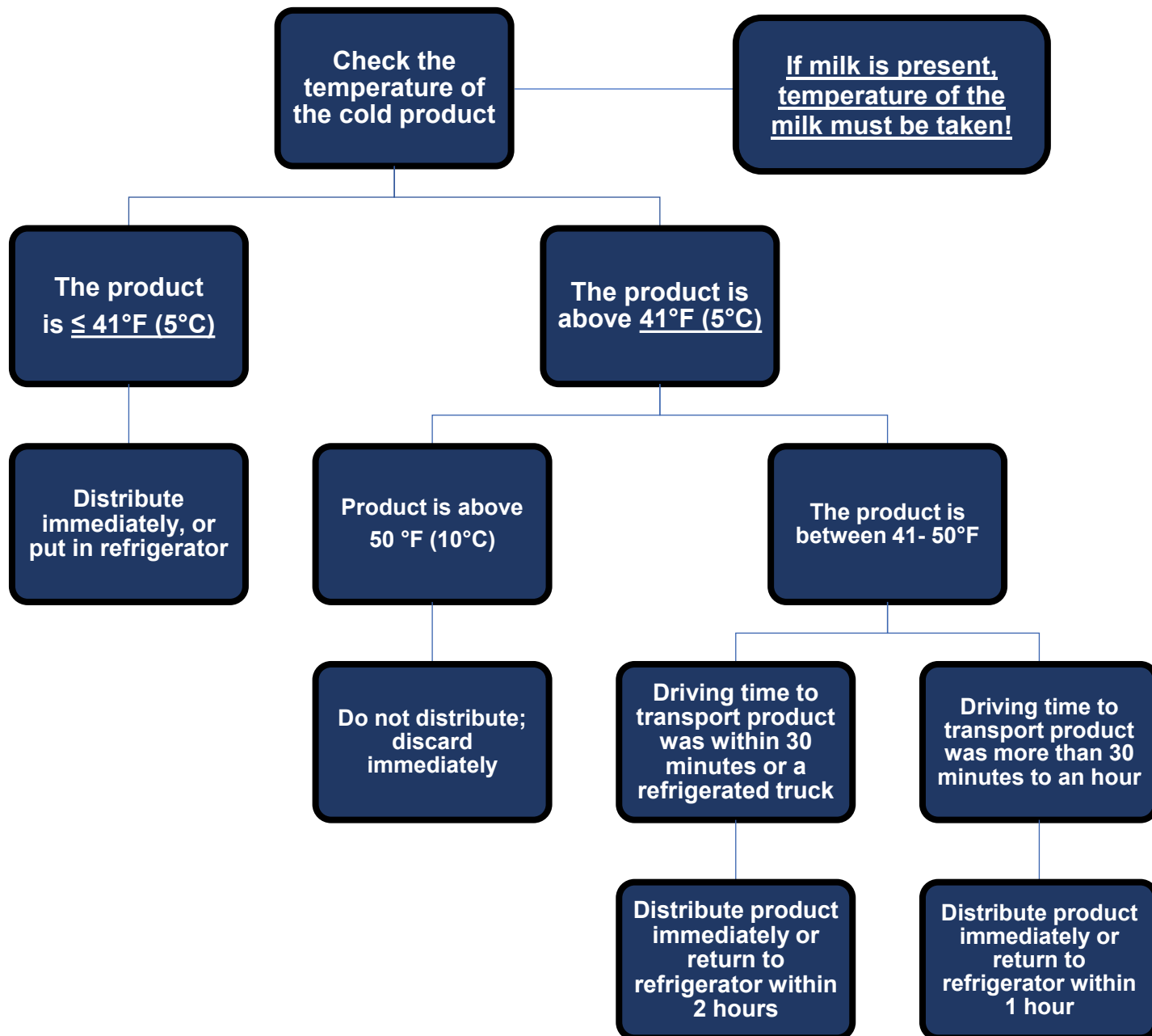
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Temperature Monitoring Decision Tree



Unloading Cold Product (For GR, Satellites, and Just In Time)

Upon unloading product, follow this decision tree:



Automatic Discard Situations

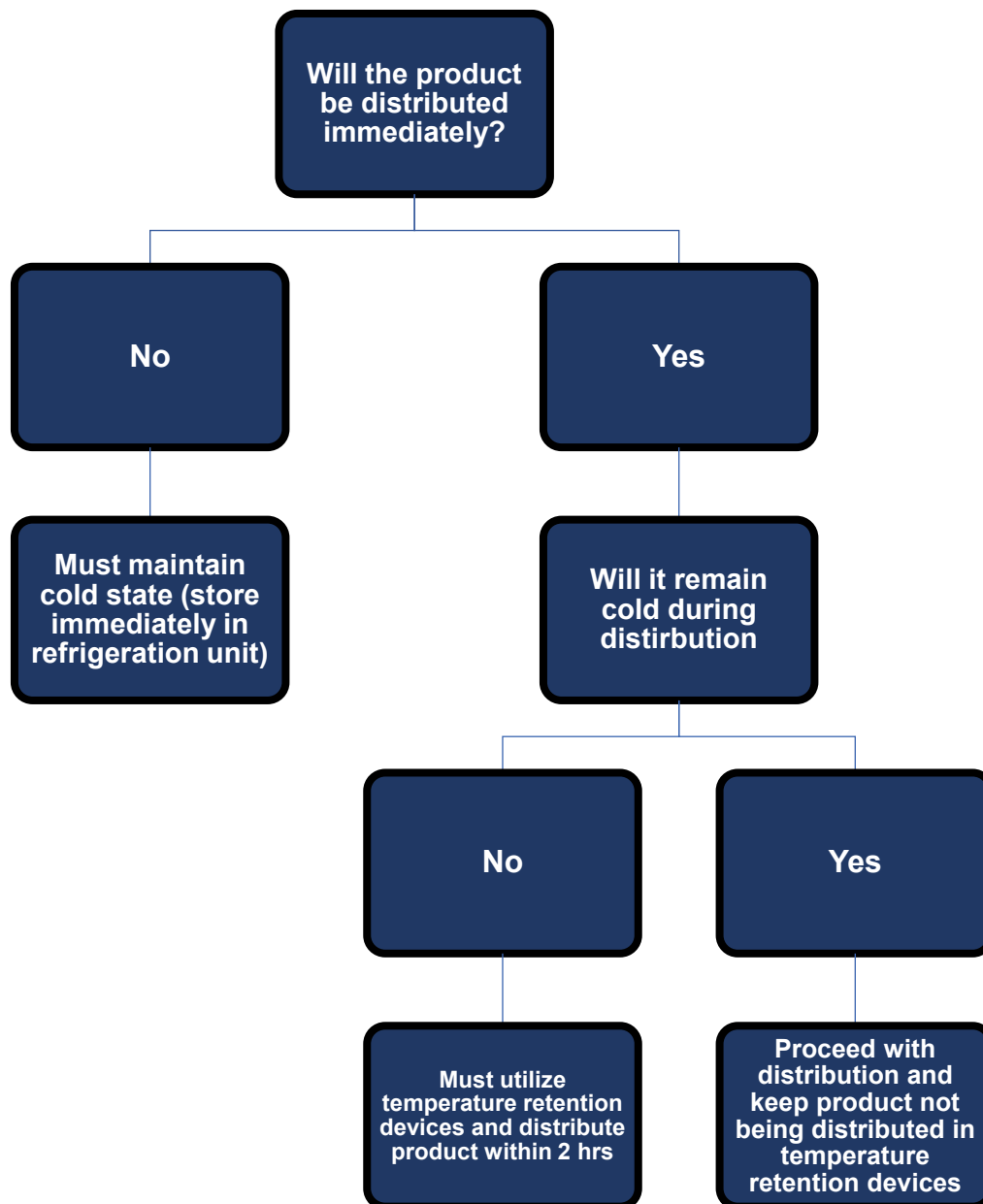
- Product is above 50°F
- Evidence of food spoilage

Temperature Monitoring Decision Tree



Distribution of Cold Product Timing

If product will be distributed/delivered immediately, follow this decision tree:



If product is above 50°F or evidence of spoilage → Discard immediately

Temperature Monitoring Decision Tree



Temperature guidelines for food transportation of both loading and unloading cold/refrigerated or frozen items. The table below advises on which step to take based on temperature reading on the

<u>Food Category</u>	<u>Safe Temperature</u>	<u>If It's Too Warm</u>
<u>Cold/Refrigerated</u>	<u>41°F(5°C) or below</u>	If over 41°F at loading, do not load vehicle. Place back in refrigerator until at 41°F. If over 41°F at unloading, do not offload vehicle. Dispose of. For GR, Satellite, or Just-in-Time delivery, review the Cold Product Decision Tree.
<u>Frozen</u>	<u>0°F (-18°C) or below</u>	If over 0°F at loading, do not load vehicle, place back in freezer until at 0°F. If over 20°F at unloading, do not offload the vehicle. Review Frozen Product Decision Tree.