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FOOD CODE GENERALLY

4626.0010 1-101.10 FOOD CODE.

Parts 4626.0010 to 4626.1870 shall be known as the Food Code, hereinafter referred to as the "Code."

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 144.122; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519; 24 SR 605*

4626.0015 1-102.10 FOOD SAFETY.

Food offered by a food establishment shall not be adulterated, misbranded, or falsely advertised.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0017 1-103.10 APPLICABILITY.

The Code applies to food establishments licensed and inspected by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, or local authorities that conduct inspections of food establishments.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

DEFINITIONS

4626.0020 1-201.10 STATEMENT OF APPLICATION AND LISTING OF TERMS.

Subpart 1. **Applicability.** For purposes of parts 4626.0010 to 4626.1870, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. **Additive.**

A. "Food additive" has the meaning given in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, United States Code, title 21, section 321, subsection (s), and Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 170.3.

B. "Color additive" has the meaning given in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, United States Code, title 21, section 321, subsection (t), and Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 70.3.

Subp. 3. **Adulterated.** "Adulterated" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 31.121.

Subp. 4. **Approved.** "Approved" means acceptable to the regulatory authority based on a determination of conformity with principles, practices, and generally recognized standards that protect public health.

Subp. 5. **a_w.** "a_w" means water activity.

Subp. 6. **Beverage.** "Beverage" means a liquid for drinking, including water.

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Subp. 7. **Bottled drinking water.** “Bottled drinking water” means water that is sealed in bottles, packages, or other containers and offered for sale for human consumption, including bottled mineral water.

Subp. 8. **Bulk food.** “Bulk food” has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 31.80, subdivision 2.

Subp. 9. C. “C” means Celsius.

Subp. 10. **Certification number.** “Certification number” means a unique combination of letters and numbers assigned by a shellfish control authority to a molluscan shellfish dealer according to the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.

Subp. 11. **CIP.** “CIP” means cleaned in place by circulating or flowing by mechanical means through a piping system a detergent solution, water rinse, and sanitizing solution onto or over equipment surfaces that require cleaning, including the method used, in part, to clean and sanitize a frozen dessert machine.

CIP does not include cleaning band saws, slicers, mixers, or other equipment that are subjected to in-place manual cleaning without the use of a CIP system.

Subp. 11a. **Clean.** “Clean” means free from insects, vermin, and debris and free from physical, chemical, and microbial substances discernible by ordinary sight or touch, by ultraviolet light, or by artificial light.

Subp. 12. **Commercial game animal.**

A. “Commercial game animal” means an animal, the products of which are food, that is not:

- (1) cattle, sheep, swine, goat, or other equine regulated in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, parts 301 to 335;
- (2) poultry regulated in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, part 381; or
- (3) fish as defined in subpart 29.

B. Commercial game animal includes:

- (1) farmed cervidae as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.451, subdivision 2;
 - (2) ratitae as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.453, subdivision 3;
- or
- (3) llama as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.455, subdivision 2.

Subp. 13. **Comminuted.** “Comminuted” means reduced in size by methods including chopping, flaking, grinding, or mincing.

Comminuted products include:

A. gefilte fish, gyros, ground beef, sausage, and other fish or meat products that are reduced in size and restructured or reformulated; and

B. sausages made from two or more meats and other mixtures of two or more types of meat that have been reduced in size and combined.

Subp. 14. **Common dining area.** “Common dining area” means a central location in a group residence where people gather to eat at mealtime.

Common dining area does not include a kitchenette or dining area located within a resident’s private living quarters.

Subp. 15. **Confirmed disease outbreak.** “Confirmed disease outbreak” means a foodborne disease outbreak when laboratory analysis of appropriate specimens identifies a causative organism and epidemiological analysis implicates the food as the source of the illness.

Subp. 16. **Consumer.** “Consumer” means a person who is a member of the public, takes possession of food, is not functioning in the capacity of an operator of a food establishment or food processing plant, and does not offer the food for resale.

Subp. 17. **Cook and chill operation.** "Cook and chill operation" means a process that uses a plastic bag filled with hot cooked food from which air has been expelled and closed with a plastic or metal crimp.

Subp. 18. **Corrosion-resistant material.** "Corrosion-resistant material" means a material that maintains acceptable surface cleanability characteristics under prolonged influence of food contact, the normal use of cleaning compounds and sanitizing solutions, and other conditions of the use environment.

Subp. 19. **Critical control point.** "Critical control point" means a point or procedure in a specific food system where loss of control may result in an unacceptable health risk.

Subp. 20. **Critical item.**

A. "Critical item" means a part of the Code that, if in noncompliance, is more likely than other violations to contribute to food contamination, illness, or environmental degradation.

B. A part that is denoted in the Code with an asterisk (*) is a critical item.

C. An asterisk (*) after a headnote indicates that all of the provisions within that part are critical for enforcement purposes unless otherwise indicated by being followed by a superscripted letter ^N. A superscripted ^N indicates that the provision directly preceding the designation is noncritical for enforcement purposes and is excluded from the critical designation of the part as a whole.

Subp. 21. **Drinking water.** "Drinking water" means water from a source that meets chapters 4720 and 4725 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 141.

Drinking water includes the term water except the terms boiler water, mop water, rainwater, wastewater, nondrinking water, and other terms that connote that the water is not potable.

Subp. 22. **Dry storage area.** "Dry storage area" means a room or area designated for storing packaged or containerized bulk food that is not potentially hazardous and dry goods, including single-service items.

Subp. 23. **Easily cleanable.** "Easily cleanable" means a characteristic of a surface that:

A. allows effective removal of soil by normal cleaning methods; and

B. is dependent on the material, design, construction, and installation of the surface.

Subp. 24. **Easily movable.** "Easily movable" means:

A. weighing 14 kilograms (30 pounds) or less, mounted on casters, gliders, or rollers, or provided with a mechanical means requiring no more than 14 kilograms (30 pounds) of force to safely tilt a unit of equipment for cleaning; and

B. having no utility connection, a utility connection that disconnects quickly, or a flexible utility connection line of sufficient length to allow the equipment to be moved for cleaning of the equipment and adjacent area.

Subp. 25. **Employee.** "Employee" means a licensee, person in charge, person having supervisory or management duties, person on the payroll, family member, volunteer, person performing work under contractual agreement, or other person working in a food establishment.

Subp. 26. **Equipment.** "Equipment" means a freezer, grinder, hood, ice maker, meat block, mixer, oven, reach-in refrigerator, scale, sink, slicer, stove, table, temperature measuring device for ambient air, vending machine, warewashing machine, or other article that is used in the operation of a food establishment.

Equipment does not include hand trucks, forklifts, dollies, pallets, racks, skids, or other items used for handling or storing large quantities of packaged foods that are received from a supplier in a cased or overwrapped lot.

Subp. 27. **Extensive remodeling.** “Extensive remodeling” means an addition or change to the physical facility, a major equipment addition, or an equipment installation that results from changes in the menu.

Extensive remodeling does not include redecorating, cosmetic refurbishing, altering seating design, or reducing seating capacity.

Subp. 28. **F.** “F” means Fahrenheit.

Subp. 29. **Fish.** “Fish” means fresh or saltwater finfish, mollusks, crustaceans, alligators, frogs, aquatic turtles, jellyfish, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, roe, and other forms of aquatic animal life other than birds or mammals, if the animal life is intended for human consumption.

Fish includes an edible human food product derived in whole or in part from fish, including fish that have been processed in any manner.

Subp. 30. **Food.** “Food” means a raw, cooked, or processed edible substance, ice, beverage, or ingredient used or intended for use or for sale in whole or in part for human consumption, or chewing gum.

Subp. 31. **Foodborne disease outbreak.**

A. “Foodborne disease outbreak” means an incident, except as specified in item B, when:

- (1) two or more persons experience a similar illness after ingestion of a common food; and
- (2) epidemiological analysis implicates the food as the source of the illness.

B. Foodborne disease outbreak includes a single case of illness from botulism or chemical poisoning.

Subp. 32. **Food cart.** “Food cart” has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 157.15, subdivision 6.

Subp. 33. **Food-contact surface.** “Food-contact surface” means:

- A. a surface of equipment or a utensil with which food normally comes into contact; or
- B. a surface of equipment or a utensil from which food may drain, drip, or splash:

- (1) into a food; or
- (2) onto a surface normally in contact with food.

Subp. 34. **Food employee.** “Food employee” means an individual working with unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or food-contact surfaces.

Subp. 35. **Food establishment.**

A. “Food establishment” means an operation that:

- (1) stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends, or otherwise provides food for human consumption, including a restaurant, satellite or catered feeding location, market, grocery store, convenience store, special event food stand, school, boarding establishment, vending machine and vending location, institution, and retail bakery; or
- (2) relinquishes possession of food to a consumer directly or indirectly through a delivery service, including the home delivery of grocery orders or restaurant takeout orders, and a delivery service that is provided by common carriers.

B. Food establishment includes:

- (1) a transportation vehicle or central preparation facility that supplies a vending location or satellite feeding location unless the vending or feeding location is licensed by the regulatory authority;
- (2) an operation that is conducted in a mobile, stationary, temporary, or permanent facility, location, or cart, regardless of whether consumption is on or off the premises and regardless of whether there is a charge for the food; and

(3) those food service operations within a hospital, nursing home, or boarding care home licensed under Minnesota Statutes, sections 144.50 to 144.56, that are not limited to patient or resident care.

C. Food establishment does not include:

(1) an establishment excluded from licensure under Minnesota Statutes, section 28A.15 or 31.56, or a wholesale food handler, wholesale food processor or manufacturer, or food broker as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 28A.05, paragraphs (b) to (d);

(2) an establishment excluded under Minnesota Statutes, section 157.22;

(3) a food processing plant, wholesale food handler, or a custom operator as described in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 303.1, paragraph (a), subparagraph (2), except:

(a) a custom processor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 28A.03, subdivision 8;

(b) a person engaged in custom processing as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 31A.02, subdivision 5; or

(c) an animal food manufacturer as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 31A.02, subdivision 8;

(4) a private home or other location that receives catered or home-delivered food when only invited guests are present; or

(5) a food service limited to patient or resident care within a hospital, nursing home, boarding care home, or supervised living facility licensed under Minnesota Statutes, sections 144.50 to 144.56, except for those operations subject to the rules and laws administered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Subp. 36. **Food processing plant.** "Food processing plant" means a commercial operation that manufactures, packages, labels, or stores food for human consumption and does not provide food directly to a consumer.

Food processing plant does not include a food establishment as defined in subpart 35.

Subp. 37. **Game animal.**

A. "Game animal" means an animal, the products of which are food, that is not cattle, sheep, swine, or goat regulated in Code of Federal Regulations, chapter 9, parts 301 to 335, poultry regulated in Code of Federal Regulations, chapter 9, part 381, or fish as defined in subpart 29.

B. Game animal includes:

(1) a reindeer, elk, deer, antelope, water buffalo, bison, rabbit, squirrel, bear, and muskrat; an aquatic or nonaquatic bird including a wild duck, goose, quail, and pheasant; a nonaquatic reptile including a rattlesnake; and an aquatic mammal; and

(2) an exotic animal as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 1.1, including a lion, tiger, leopard, elephant, camel, antelope, anteater, kangaroo, water buffalo, and species of foreign domestic cattle, including ankole, gayal, and yak.

Subp. 38. **General use pesticide.** "General use pesticide" means a pesticide that is not classified by the Environmental Protection Agency for restricted use as specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section 152.175.

Subp. 39. **Group residence.** "Group residence" means a private or public housing corporation or institutional facility that provides living quarters and meals. Group residence includes a retirement home, a long-term health care facility, and other domiciles for unrelated persons.

Subp. 40. **HACCP plan.** "HACCP plan" means a written document that delineates the formal procedures for following the hazard analysis critical control point principles developed by the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods.

Subp. 41. **Hazard.** "Hazard" means a biological, chemical, or physical property that may cause an unacceptable consumer health risk.

Subp. 42. **Hermetically sealed container.** "Hermetically sealed container" means a container that is designed and intended to be secure against the entry of microorganisms and, in the case of low acid canned foods, to maintain the commercial sterility of its contents after processing.

Subp. 43. **Imminent health hazard.** "Imminent health hazard" means a significant threat or danger to health that exists when there is evidence sufficient to show that a product, practice, circumstance, or event creates a situation that requires immediate correction or cessation of operation to prevent injury based on:

- A. the number of potential injuries; and
- B. the nature, severity, and duration of the anticipated injury.

Subp. 44. **Injected.** "Injected" means having manipulated a meat so that infectious or toxigenic microorganisms may be introduced from its surface to its interior through tenderizing with deep penetration or injecting the meat with juices, which may be referred to as "injecting," "pinning," or "stitch pumping."

Subp. 45. **Kitchenware.** "Kitchenware" means food preparation and storage utensils.

Subp. 46. **License.** "License" means the authorization issued by the regulatory authority to a person to operate a food establishment.

Subp. 47. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means the person licensed by the regulatory authority who:

- A. is the owner, the owner's agent, or other person legally responsible for the operation of the food establishment; and
- B. possesses a valid license to operate a food establishment according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 28A or 157.

Subp. 48. **Linens.** "Linens" means fabric items including cloth hampers, cloth napkins, tablecloths, wiping cloths, cloth gloves, and other work garments.

Subp. 49. **Mass gathering.** "Mass gathering" means an actual or reasonably anticipated assembly of more than 1,500 persons that will continue, or may reasonably be expected to continue, for more than ten consecutive hours and that is held in an open space or temporary structure especially constructed, erected, or assembled for the gathering.

Subp. 50. **Meat.** "Meat" means the flesh of animals used as food including the dressed flesh of cattle, swine, sheep, or goats and other edible animals, except fish, poultry, and wild game, that is offered for human consumption.

Subp. 51. **mg/L.** "mg/L" means milligrams per liter, which is the metric equivalent of parts per million (ppm).

Subp. 52. **Molluscan shellfish.** "Molluscan shellfish" means an edible species of fresh or frozen oysters, clams, mussels, and scallops or edible portions thereof, except when the scallop product consists only of the shucked adductor muscle.

Subp. 52a. **Noncritical item.**

A. "Noncritical item" means a part of the Code that, if in noncompliance, is less likely than other violations to contribute to food contamination, illness, or environmental degradation.

B. A part that is denoted in the Code without an asterisk (*) after the headnote is a noncritical item.

C. A part designated as a critical item may have a provision within the part designated as a noncritical item. This is indicated by a superscripted letter N following the provision.

Subp. 53. **Packaged.** "Packaged" means bottled, canned, cartoned, securely bagged, or securely wrapped, whether packaged in a food establishment or a food processing plant.

Packaged does not include a wrapper, carry-out box, or other nondurable container used to containerize food to protect food during service and receipt of the food by the consumer.

Subp. 54. **Person.** "Person" means an association, corporation, individual, partnership, government, governmental subdivision or agency, or other legal entity.

Subp. 55. **Person in charge.** "Person in charge" means the individual present at a food establishment who is responsible for the operation at the time of inspection.

Subp. 56. **Personal care item.** "Personal care item" means an item or substance that may be poisonous, toxic, or a source of contamination and is used to maintain or enhance a person's health, hygiene, or appearance.

Personal care item includes medicines, first aid supplies, cosmetics, toothpaste, mouthwash, and other toiletries.

Subp. 57. **pH.** "pH" is the symbol for the negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration, which is a measure of the degree of acidity or alkalinity of a solution. Values between 0 and 7 indicate acidity and values between 7 and 14 indicate alkalinity. The value for pure distilled water is 7, which is neutral.

Subp. 58. **Physical facility.** "Physical facility" means the structure and interior surfaces of a food establishment including soap and towel dispensers and other accessories, light fixtures, heating or air conditioning system vents, and other attachments.

Subp. 59. **Plumbing fixture.** "Plumbing fixture" means a receptacle or device that:

A. is permanently or temporarily connected to the water distribution system of the premises and demands a supply of water from the system; or

B. discharges used water, waste materials, or sewage directly or indirectly to the drainage system of the premises.

Subp. 60. **Plumbing system.** "Plumbing system" means the water supply and distribution pipes; plumbing fixtures and traps; soil, waste, and vent pipes; sanitary and storm sewers and building drains, including their respective connections, devices, and appurtenances within the premises; and water-treating equipment.

Subp. 61. **Poisonous or toxic material.** "Poisonous or toxic material" means a substance that is not intended for ingestion and is included in one of the following four categories:

A. cleaners and sanitizers, including caustics, acids, drying agents, and polishes;

B. pesticides, including insecticides and rodenticides;

C. substances necessary for the operation and maintenance of the establishment, including non-food-grade lubricants and personal care items that may be deleterious to health; or

D. substances that are not necessary for the operation and maintenance of the establishment and are on the premises for retail sale including petroleum products and paints.

Subp. 62. **Potentially hazardous food.**

A. "Potentially hazardous food" means a food that is natural or synthetic and is in a form capable of supporting:

(1) the rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms;

(2) the growth and toxic production of *Clostridium botulinum*; or

(3) in raw shell eggs, the growth of *Salmonella enteritidis*.

B. Potentially hazardous food includes a food of animal origin that is raw or heat-treated, a food of plant origin that is heat-treated or consists of raw seed sprouts, cut melons, and garlic and oil mixtures that are not acidified or otherwise modified at a

food processing plant in a way that results in mixtures that do not support growth as specified in item A.

C. Potentially hazardous food does not include:

- (1) an air-cooled hard-boiled egg with shell intact;
- (2) a food with an a_w value of 0.85 or less;
- (3) a food with a pH level of 4.6 or below when measured at 24 degrees C (75 degrees F);
- (4) a food, in an unopened hermetically sealed container, that is commercially processed to achieve and maintain commercial sterility under conditions of nonrefrigerated storage and distribution;
- (5) a food for which laboratory evidence demonstrates that the rapid and progressive growth of infectious and toxigenic microorganisms or the growth of *Salmonella enteritidis* in eggs or *Clostridium botulinum* cannot occur, including a food that has an a_w and a pH that are above the levels specified in subitem (2) or (3) and that may contain a preservative, other barrier to the growth of microorganisms, or a combination of barriers that inhibit the growth of microorganisms; or
- (6) a food that may contain an infectious or toxigenic microorganism or chemical or physical contaminant at a level sufficient to cause illness, but that does not support the growth of microorganisms as specified in item A.

Subp. 63. **Poultry.** "Poultry" means any domesticated bird, including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, or guineas, whether live or dead.

Subp. 64. **Premises.** "Premises" means:

A. the physical facility, its contents, and the contiguous land or property under the control of the licensee; or

B. the physical facility, its contents, and the contiguous land or property and its facilities and contents that are under the control of the licensee that may impact food establishment personnel, facilities, or operations, if a food establishment is only one component of a health care facility, hotel, motel, school, recreational camp, prison, or other large operation.

Subp. 65. **Primal cut.** "Primal cut" means a basic major cut into which carcasses and sides of meat are separated.

Subp. 66. **Public water system.** "Public water system" means a system as defined in chapter 4720 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section 141.2.

Subp. 67. **Ready-to-eat food.**

A. "Ready-to-eat food" means food that is in a form that is edible without washing, cooking, or additional preparation by the food establishment or the consumer and that is reasonably expected to be consumed in that form.

B. Ready-to-eat food includes:

- (1) unpackaged potentially hazardous food that is cooked to the temperature and time required for the specific food under parts 4626.0340 and 4626.0345;
- (2) raw, washed, cut fruits and vegetables;
- (3) whole, raw fruits and vegetables that are presented for consumption without the need for further washing; and
- (4) other food presented for consumption for which further washing or cooking is not required and from which rinds, peels, husks, or shells are removed.

Subp. 68. **Reduced oxygen packaging.**

A. "Reduced oxygen packaging" means the reduction of the amount of oxygen in a package by mechanically evacuating the oxygen, displacing the oxygen with another gas or combination of gases, or otherwise controlling the oxygen content in a package to a level below that normally found in the surrounding atmosphere, which is 21 percent oxygen.

B. Reduced oxygen packaging includes methods that may be referred to as altered atmosphere, modified atmosphere, controlled atmosphere, low oxygen, and vacuum packaging including sous vide.

C. Reduced oxygen packaging does not include packaging that allows oxygen transmission of at least 7,200 cubic centimeters per square meter over a 24-hour period.

Subp. 69. **Refuse.** "Refuse" means solid waste not carried by water through the sewage system.

Subp. 70. **Regulatory authority.** "Regulatory authority" means the local, state, or federal enforcement body or authorized representative having jurisdiction over the food establishment.

Subp. 71. **Restricted use pesticide.** "Restricted use pesticide" means a pesticide product that contains the active ingredients specified in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, United States Code, title 7, sections 136 to 136y, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section 152.175, and that is limited to use by a commercial applicator.

Subp. 72. **Retail bakery.** "Retail bakery" means a building or part of a building used to process, store, or sell bakery products directly to the consumer.

Subp. 73. **Retail food vehicle, portable structure, or cart.** "Retail food vehicle, portable structure, or cart" means a food establishment licensed under Minnesota Statutes, sections 28A.06 and 28A.07, that is a motor vehicle, portable structure, or nonmotorized cart where food and food products are:

- A. offered to the consumer;
- B. intended for off-premises consumption; and
- C. not subject to on-site preparation.

Subp. 74. **Safe material.** "Safe material" means:

A. an article manufactured from or composed of materials that may not reasonably be expected to directly or indirectly become a component or otherwise affect the characteristics of a food;

B. an additive that is used as specified in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, United States Code, title 21, section 348 or 379e; or

C. any other material that is not an additive and that is used in conformity with applicable regulations of the Food and Drug Administration.

Subp. 75. **Sanitization.** "Sanitization" means the application of cumulative heat or chemicals on cleaned food-contact surfaces that, when evaluated for efficacy, yields a reduction of five logs, which is equal to a 99.999 percent reduction, of representative disease microorganisms of public health importance.

Subp. 76. **Sealed.** "Sealed" means free of cracks or other openings that allow the entry or passage of moisture.

Subp. 77. **Servicing area.** "Servicing area" means an operating base location to which a mobile food establishment or transportation vehicle returns regularly for discharging liquid or solid wastes or refilling water tanks and ice bins, and where food, food equipment, and supplies for the business are stored.

Subp. 78. **Sewage.** "Sewage" means liquid waste containing animal or vegetable matter in suspension or solution and may include liquids containing chemicals in solution.

Subp. 78a. **Shellfish.** "Shellfish" means all edible species of oysters, clams, and mussels either shucked, in the shell, fresh or fresh frozen, whole or in part.

Subp. 79. **Shellstock.** "Shellstock" means raw, in-shell molluscan shellfish.

Subp. 80. **Shucked shellfish.** "Shucked shellfish" means molluscan shellfish that have one or both shells removed.

Subp. 81. **Single-service article.** "Single-service article" means a tableware, carry-out utensil, bag, container, placemat, stirrer, straw, toothpick, wrapper, or other item that is designed and constructed for one-time, one-person use.

Subp. 82. **Single-use article.**

A. "Single-use article" means a utensil or bulk food container designed and constructed to be used once and discarded.

B. Single-use article includes wax paper, butcher paper, plastic wrap, formed aluminum food containers, jars, plastic tubs or buckets, bread wrappers, pickle barrels, ketchup bottles, number 10 cans, and other items that do not meet the materials, durability, strength, and cleanability specifications contained in parts 4626.0450, 4626.0505, and 4626.0515 for multiuse utensils.

Subp. 83. **Slacking.** "Slacking" means the process of moderating the temperature of a food, including allowing a food to gradually increase from a temperature of -23 degrees C (-10 degrees F) to -4 degrees C (25 degrees F) in preparation for deep-fat frying or for even heat penetration during the cooking of previously block-frozen food.

Subp. 84. **Smooth.** "Smooth" means:

A. for a food-contact surface, free of pits and inclusions with a cleanability equal to or exceeding that of number 3 (100 grit) stainless steel;

B. for a non-food-contact surface of equipment, equal to the surface of commercial grade hot-rolled steel free of visible scale; or

C. for a floor, wall, or ceiling, even or level with no roughness or projections that render the surface difficult to clean.

Subp. 85. **Special event food stand.** "Special event food stand" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 157.15, subdivision 14.

Subp. 86. **Support animal.** "Support animal" means a seeing eye dog or other trained animal that accompanies a person with a disability to assist in managing the disability and enables the person to perform functions that the person would otherwise be unable to perform.

Subp. 87. **Table-mounted equipment.** "Table-mounted equipment" means equipment that is not portable and is designed to be mounted off the floor on a table, counter, or shelf.

Subp. 88. **Tableware.** "Tableware" means eating, drinking, or serving utensils for table use including forks, knives, spoons, and other flatware; bowls, cups, serving dishes, tumblers, and other hollowware; and plates.

Subp. 89. **Temperature measuring device.** "Temperature measuring device" means a thermometer, thermocouple, thermistor, or other device that indicates the temperature of food, air, or water.

Subp. 90. **Temporary food establishment.** "Temporary food establishment" means a food establishment that is a mobile food unit, seasonal permanent food stand, or seasonal temporary food stand, as those terms are defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 157.15, subdivisions 9, 12a, and 13.

Subp. 91. **Utensil.** "Utensil" means a food-contact implement or container used in the storage, preparation, transportation, dispensing, sale, or service of food, including kitchenware or tableware that is multiuse, single-service, or single-use; gloves used in contact with food; and food temperature measuring devices.

Subp. 92. **Vending machine.** "Vending machine" means a self-service device that, upon insertion of a coin, paper currency, token, card, or key, dispenses unit servings of food in bulk or in packages without the necessity of replenishing the device between each vending operation.

Subp. 93. **Vending machine location.** "Vending machine location" means a room, enclosure, space, or area where one or more vending machines are installed and operated and includes the storage and servicing areas on the premises that are used in conjunction with the vending machines.

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Subp. 94. **Warewashing.** "Warewashing" means the cleaning and sanitizing of food-contact surfaces of equipment and utensils.

Subp. 95. **Water activity.** "Water activity" means a measure of the free moisture in a food, and is the quotient of the water vapor pressure of the substance divided by the vapor pressure of pure water at the same temperature.

Subp. 96. **Wild game animal.**

A. "Wild game animal" means:

(1) an animal defined as a protected wild animal in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 39; and

(2) an exotic animal as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 1.1, including a lion, tiger, leopard, elephant, camel, antelope, anteater, kangaroo, water buffalo, and species of foreign domestic cattle, including an ankole, gayal, and yak.

B. Wild game animal does not include:

(1) farmed cervidae as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.451, subdivision 2;

(2) ratitae as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.453, subdivision 3;

or

(3) llama as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.455, subdivision 2.

Subp. 97. * "C" designates a critical item.

Subp. 98. ^N "N" designates a noncritical item within a part that is designated as a critical item.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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SUPERVISION

4626.0025 2-101.11 ASSIGNMENT.*

The licensee shall be the person in charge or shall designate a person in charge and shall ensure that a person in charge is present at the food establishment during all hours of operation.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0030 2-102.11 DEMONSTRATION.*

Based on the risks of foodborne illness inherent to the food operation, during inspections and upon request by the regulatory authority, the person in charge shall demonstrate to the regulatory authority knowledge of foodborne disease prevention, application of the hazard analysis critical control point principles when a HACCP plan is required under part 4626.1730, and the requirements of the Code. The areas of knowledge are:

A. describing the relationship between the prevention of foodborne disease and the personal hygiene of a food employee;

B. explaining the responsibility of the person in charge for preventing the transmission of foodborne disease by a food employee who has a disease or medical condition that may cause foodborne disease;

C. identifying the usual symptoms of, modes of transmission of, typical incubation periods for, and most common foods associated with foodborne diseases;

D. explaining the significance of the relationship between maintaining the time and temperature of potentially hazardous food and the prevention of foodborne illness;

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E. explaining the hazards involved in the consumption of raw or undercooked meat, poultry, eggs, and fish;

F. stating the required food temperatures and times for safe cooking of potentially hazardous food;

G. stating the required temperatures and times for the safe refrigerated storage, hot holding, cooling, reheating, and transportation of potentially hazardous food;

H. describing the relationship between the prevention of foodborne illness and the management and control of:

(1) cross-contamination;

(2) hand contact with ready-to-eat foods;

(3) handwashing; and

(4) maintenance of the food establishment in a clean condition and in good repair;

I. explaining the relationship between food safety and providing equipment that is:

(1) sufficient in number and capacity; and

(2) properly designed, constructed, located, installed, operated, maintained, and cleaned;

J. explaining correct procedures for cleaning and sanitizing utensils and food-contact surfaces of equipment;

K. identifying the source of water used and measures taken to ensure that the water remains protected from contamination including providing protection from backflow and precluding the creation of cross connections;

L. identifying poisonous or toxic materials in the food establishment and the procedures necessary to ensure that they are safely stored, dispensed, used, and disposed of according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18B;

M. identifying critical control points in the operation from purchasing through sale or service that may contribute to foodborne illness and explaining steps taken to ensure that the points are controlled when a HACCP plan is required by part 4626.1730;

N. explaining the details of how the person in charge and food employees comply with the HACCP plan if a plan is required; and

O. explaining the responsibilities, rights, and authorities assigned by the Code to the:

(1) food employee;

(2) person in charge; and

(3) regulatory authority.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0035 2-103.11 PERSON IN CHARGE.

The person in charge shall ensure that:

A. food establishment operations are not conducted in a private home or in a room used as living or sleeping quarters as specified in part 4626.1425;

B. persons unnecessary to the food establishment operation are not allowed in the food preparation, food storage, or warewashing areas, except that brief visits and tours may be authorized by the person in charge if steps are taken to ensure that exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; and unwrapped single-service and single-use articles are protected from contamination;

C. employees and other persons, including delivery and maintenance persons and pesticide applicators, entering the food preparation, food storage, and warewashing areas comply with the Code;

D. employees effectively clean their hands, by routinely monitoring the employees' handwashing;

E. employees visibly observe foods as they are received to determine that they are from approved sources, delivered at the required temperatures, protected from contamination, unadulterated, and accurately presented, by routinely monitoring the employees' observations and periodically evaluating foods upon their receipt;

F. employees properly cook potentially hazardous food, being particularly careful in cooking those foods known to cause severe foodborne illness and death, including eggs and comminuted meats, through daily oversight of the employees' routine monitoring of the cooking temperatures;

G. employees use proper methods to rapidly cool potentially hazardous foods that are not held hot or are not for consumption within four hours, through daily oversight of the employees' routine monitoring of food temperatures during cooling;

H. employees properly sanitize cleaned multiuse equipment and utensils before they are reused, through routine monitoring of solution temperature and exposure time for hot water sanitizing, and chemical concentration, pH, temperature, and exposure time for chemical sanitizing; and

I. consumers are notified that clean tableware is to be used when they return to salad bars, buffets, or other self-service areas.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

EMPLOYEE HEALTH

4626.0040 2-201.11 RESPONSIBILITY OF PERSON IN CHARGE TO REQUIRE REPORTING BY FOOD EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS.*

A. The licensee shall require food employees and food employee applicants to whom a conditional offer of employment is made to report to the person in charge information about their health and activities as they relate to diseases transmissible through food.

B. A food employee or applicant shall report to the person in charge if the food employee or applicant has a symptom caused by illness, infection, or other source that is:

(1) associated with diarrhea, vomiting, or other acute gastrointestinal illness;

(2) jaundice; or

(3) a boil, infected wound, or other lesion containing pus that is open or draining and is:

(a) on the hands or wrists, unless a finger cot, stall, or other impermeable cover protects the lesion and a single-use glove is worn over the impermeable cover;

(b) on exposed portions of the arms, unless the lesion is protected by an impermeable cover; or

(c) on other parts of the body, unless the lesion is covered by a dry, durable, tight-fitting bandage.

C. The food employee or applicant shall report to the person in charge if the food employee or applicant is known to be infected with:

(1) *Salmonella* spp., *Shigella* spp., *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7, or other enteric bacterial pathogen; or

(2) the hepatitis A virus.

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D. A food employee or applicant shall report the date of onset of any of the symptoms or illness specified in this part.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0045 2-201.12 EXCLUSIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.*

The person in charge shall:

A. exclude a food employee from a food establishment if the food employee is ill with vomiting or diarrhea;

B. restrict a food employee from working with exposed food, clean equipment, and clean utensils in a food establishment if the food employee has an enteric bacterial pathogen capable of being transmitted by food, including *Salmonella* spp., *Shigella* spp., or *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7, until the Department of Health and the licensing regulatory authority have evaluated the potential for foodborne disease transmission; and

C. restrict an employee if the results of an epidemiological investigation by the commissioner of health under Minnesota Statutes, section 31.171, determines that a food employee or applicant presents a risk for transmission of foodborne disease.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0050 2-201.13 REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION.

The restriction specified in part 4626.0045, item C, shall remain in effect for a food employee until the Department of Health and the licensing regulatory authority complete an investigation of the confirmed disease outbreak and determines that there is no longer a risk of foodborne disease transmission.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0055 2-201.14 RESPONSIBILITY OF FOOD EMPLOYEE OR APPLICANT TO REPORT TO PERSON IN CHARGE.*

A food employee or a person who applies for a job as a food employee shall:

A. report to the person in charge the information specified in part 4626.0040; and

B. comply with exclusions and restrictions that are specified in part 4626.0045.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0060 2-201.15 REPORTING BY PERSON IN CHARGE.*

A. The person in charge shall notify the regulatory authority of a food employee infected with:

(1) *Salmonella* spp., *Shigella* spp., *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7, or other enteric bacterial pathogen capable of being transmitted by food; or

(2) the hepatitis A virus.

B. The person in charge shall record all reports of diarrhea or vomiting made by food employees and report those illnesses to the regulatory authority at the specific request of the regulatory authority.

C. The person in charge shall notify the regulatory authority of any complaint from a customer having or suspected of having:

(1) diarrhea or vomiting;

(2) *Salmonella* spp., *Shigella* spp., *Escherichia coli* 0157:H7, or other enteric bacterial pathogen capable of being transmitted by food; or

(3) a hepatitis A virus infection.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

PERSONAL CLEANLINESS

4626.0065 2-301.11 CLEAN CONDITION.*

A food employee shall keep hands and exposed portions of arms clean.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.0070 2-301.12 CLEANING PROCEDURE.*

A food employee shall clean the hands and exposed portions of the arms with a cleaning compound in a handwashing lavatory in the food preparation area that is equipped as specified in part 4626.1050, item A, by vigorously rubbing together the surfaces of the lathered hands and arms for at least 20 seconds and thoroughly rinsing with clean water. An employee shall pay particular attention to the areas underneath the fingernails and between the fingers by scrubbing thoroughly with a nail brush.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0075 2-301.14 WHEN TO WASH.*

A food employee shall clean the hands and exposed portions of the arms as specified in part 4626.0070 at the following times:

A. after touching bare human body parts other than clean hands and clean, exposed portions of arms; after defecating, contacting body fluids and discharges, or handling waste containing fecal matter, body fluids, or body discharges; and before beginning or returning to work;

B. after using the toilet, at a handwash lavatory, in the toilet room;

C. after caring for or handling support animals as allowed in part 4626.0120;

D. after coughing, sneezing, using a handkerchief or disposable tissue, using tobacco, eating, or drinking;

E. after handling soiled equipment or utensils;

F. immediately before engaging in food preparation including working with exposed food, clean utensils, and unwrapped single-service and single-use articles in the food preparation area;

G. during food preparation, as often as necessary to remove soil and contamination and to prevent cross-contamination when changing tasks;

H. when switching between working with raw foods and working with ready-to-eat foods; or

I. after engaging in other activities that contaminate the hands.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0080 2-301.15 WHERE TO WASH.

A food employee shall clean the hands in a handwashing lavatory and shall not clean the hands in a sink used for food preparation or warewashing or in a service sink or a curbed cleaning facility used for the disposal of mop water or similar liquid waste.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.0085 2-301.16 HAND SANITIZERS.

A. A hand sanitizer or hand sanitizing solution shall be used:

(1) according to the rules adopted under Minnesota Statutes, section 31.101; or

(2) if consisting of or made up of a chemical formulation that is not generally recognized as safe under Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, parts 182 and 184, or that is not listed for use as a hand sanitizer under Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 178.1010, only if:

(a) followed by thorough hand rinsing in clean water or the use of gloves; or

(b) used where there is no direct contact with food by the hands.

B. A chemical hand sanitizing solution used as a hand dip shall be maintained clean and at a strength equivalent to 100 mg/L chlorine or above.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0090 2-302.11 FINGERNAIL MAINTENANCE.

A food employee shall keep the fingernails trimmed, filed, free of nail polish, and maintained so the edges and surfaces are cleanable and not rough.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0095 2-303.11 JEWELRY PROHIBITION.

While preparing food, a food employee shall not wear jewelry on the arms and hands. This part does not apply to a wedding band or other plain ring.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0100 2-304.11 CLOTHING; CLEAN CONDITION.

A food employee shall wear clean outer clothing. When moving from a raw food operation to a ready-to-eat food operation, a food employee shall wear a clean outer covering over clothing or change to clean clothing if clothing is soiled.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

HYGIENIC PRACTICES

4626.0105 2-401.11 EATING, DRINKING, OR USING TOBACCO.*

A. Except as specified in item B, an employee shall eat, drink, or use any form of tobacco only in designated areas where the contamination of exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; unwrapped single-service and single-use articles; or other items needing protection cannot result.

B. A food employee may drink from a closed beverage container if the container is handled to prevent contamination of:

(1) the employee's hands;

(2) the container; and

(3) exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; and unwrapped single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0110 2-401.12 DISCHARGES FROM EYES, NOSE, AND MOUTH.*

A food employee experiencing persistent sneezing, coughing, or a runny nose that causes discharges from the eyes, nose, or mouth shall not work with exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; or unwrapped single-service or single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0115 2-402.11 HAIR RESTRAINTS; EFFECTIVENESS.

A. Except as provided under item B, a food employee shall wear a hat, hair covering, net, or other hair restraint, a beard restraint, and clothing that covers body hair, all of which are designed and worn to effectively keep hair from contacting exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; and unwrapped single-service and single-use articles.

B. This part does not apply to counter staff who only serve beverages and wrapped or packaged foods, hostesses, wait staff, or other food employees if they present a minimal risk of contaminating exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; and unwrapped single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0120 2-403.11 ANIMAL HANDLING PROHIBITION.*

A. Except as specified in item B, a food employee shall not care for or handle patrol dogs, support animals, pets, or other animals that are allowed under part 4626.1585, item B, subitems (2) to (4).

B. A food employee with a support animal may care for the support animal if the employee washes their hands as specified in part 4626.0070 before working with exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; or unwrapped single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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FOOD CHARACTERISTICS

4626.0125 3-101.11 NOT ADULTERATED, MISBRANDED, OR FALSELY ADVERTISED.

Food shall not be adulterated, and, as specified in part 4626.0430, shall not be misbranded or falsely advertised.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0130 3-201.11 COMPLIANCE WITH FOOD LAW.*

A. Food shall be obtained from sources that comply with:

- (1) United States Code, title 15, sections 1451 to 1461;
- (2) United States Code, title 21, sections 301 to 395;
- (3) United States Code, title 21, sections 451 to 471;
- (4) United States Code, title 21, sections 601 to 695;
- (5) Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, parts 46 to 51;
- (6) Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, parts 301 to 391;
- (7) Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, parts 1 to 189;
- (8) Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, parts 104 to 135;
- (9) Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, parts 152 to 186;
- (10) Code of Federal Regulations, title 50, parts 260 to 285;

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(11) Minnesota Statutes, chapters 29, 30, 31, 31A, 32, 33, and 34; and

(12) chapters 1520, 1525, 1530, 1535, 1540, 1545, 1550, and 1555 and part 4630.2700.

B. Except as allowed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 28A.15 and 157.22, clauses (6) and (7), food prepared or stored in a private home shall not be used or offered for human consumption in a food establishment.

C. Packaged food shall be labeled as specified in parts 4626.0200, 4626.0205, and 4626.0435.

D. Fish, other than molluscan shellfish, that are intended for consumption in raw form and allowed as specified in part 4626.0340, item C, subitem (1), shall be obtained from a supplier that freezes the fish as specified in part 4626.0350; or shall be frozen on the premises as specified in part 4626.0350 and records shall be retained as specified in part 4626.0355.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0135 3-201.12 FOOD IN HERMETICALLY SEALED CONTAINER.*

Food in a hermetically sealed container shall be obtained from a food processing plant that is regulated by the food regulatory agency that has jurisdiction over the plant.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0140 3-201.13 FLUID MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.*

A. Fluid milk and fluid milk products shall be obtained from sources that comply with Grade A standards specified in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 32.

B. Dry milk and dry milk products used or offered for sale shall be made from pasteurized milk and milk products.

C. All ice cream, frozen custard, ice milk, milk sherbet, fruit or ice sherbet, yogurt, frozen malted milk, and other frozen dairy food shall comply with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 32.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0145 3-201.14 FISH.*

A. Fish that are received for sale or service shall be:

(1) commercially and legally caught or harvested as prescribed in chapters 1545 and 6200, and Minnesota Statutes, section 31.11 and chapters 97A and 97C; or

(2) approved for sale or service.

B. Molluscan shellfish that are recreationally caught shall not be received for sale or service.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0150 3-201.15 MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH.*

A. Molluscan shellfish shall be obtained from sources according to the requirements specified in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration, National Shellfish Sanitation Program Manual of Operations, Part I Sanitation of Shellfish Growing Areas, and Part II Sanitation of the Harvesting, Processing and Distribution of Shellfish (1990 revision). The operations manual is incorporated by reference and is available through the Minitex interlibrary loan system or from the United States Food and Drug

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Administration, Shellfish Sanitation Branch, 200 "C" Street S.W., Washington D.C., 20204. The manual is not subject to frequent change.

B. Molluscan shellfish received in interstate commerce shall be from sources listed in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration, Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List (1987 and subsequent editions). The list is incorporated by reference and is available through the Minitex interlibrary loan system or from the United States Food and Drug Administration, Shellfish Sanitation Branch, 200 "C" Street S.W., Washington D.C., 20204. The list is subject to frequent change.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0155 3-201.16 WILD MUSHROOMS.*

A. Except as specified in item B, mushroom species picked in the wild shall be obtained from sources where each mushroom is individually inspected and found to be safe by a mushroom identification expert whose expertise has been verified and approved by the regulatory authority through the successful completion of a wild mushroom identification course provided by either an accredited college or university or a mycological society. An individual who wants to be approved as a wild mushroom identification expert shall have on file with the regulatory authority a letter from an accredited college or university certifying successful completion of a wild mushroom identification course from an accredited college or university.

B. This part does not apply to:

(1) cultivated wild mushrooms species that are grown, harvested, and processed in an operation that is regulated by the food regulatory agency that has jurisdiction over the operation; or

(2) wild mushrooms species if they are in packaged form and are the product of a food processing plant that is regulated by the food regulatory agency that has jurisdiction over the plant.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0160 3-201.17 GAME ANIMALS.*

A. Game animals commercially raised for food shall be raised, slaughtered, and processed under an inspection program that is conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture under Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, part 352, or the Minnesota Department of Agriculture under Minnesota Statutes, section 17.452, subdivision 8.

B. Exotic species of animals, including animals raised for exhibition purposes in a zoo or circus, shall:

(1) comply with item A, or receive antemortem and postmortem examination by a veterinarian or a veterinarian's designee, approved by the regulatory authority; and

(2) be slaughtered and processed according to Minnesota Statutes, chapters 31 and 31A, and rules adopted thereunder governing meat and poultry as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture as specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, or under laws and rules of another state that are equivalent to the Minnesota laws and rules specified in this part.

C. Wild game animals lawfully taken and donated according to part 6214.0100 and Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.505, and donated to a charitable organization registered under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 309, are approved if:

(1) only pure wild game is donated;

(2) the intact animal is properly cleaned, stored, and processed in an establishment that complies with chapters 1540 and 1545, and Minnesota Statutes,

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chapters 28A, 31, 31A, and 157, as those rules and laws relate to the licensing, processing, and storage of food;

(3) evisceration was accomplished within two hours after harvest;

(4) cooked to at least 74 degrees C (165 degrees F); and

(5) a written sanitation standard operating procedure that includes the entire process used to eliminate the possibility of cross-contamination from wild game processing to retail products is implemented and available for inspection.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0165 3-202.11 TEMPERATURE.*

A. Except as specified in item B, refrigerated, potentially hazardous food shall be at a temperature of 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below when received.

B. If a temperature other than 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) for a potentially hazardous food is specified in law governing its distribution, including laws governing milk, molluscan shellfish, and shell eggs, the food may be received at the specified temperature. A food may be received at the temperature specified in:

(1) Minnesota Statutes, section 29.23, subdivisions 3 and 4, for eggs;

(2) parts 1550.0960, 1550.0970, and 1550.0980, for readily perishable, frozen, and hot food; and

(3) the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Manual of Operations, Part II, section B, as the manual is described in part 4626.0150, item A.

C. Potentially hazardous food that is cooked to a temperature and for a time specified in parts 4626.0340 and 4626.0345 and received hot shall be at a temperature of 60 degrees C (140 degrees F) or above.

D. A food that is labeled frozen and shipped frozen by a food processing plant shall be received frozen.

E. Upon receipt, potentially hazardous food shall be free of evidence of previous temperature abuse.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0170 3-202.12 ADDITIVES.*

Food shall not contain unapproved food additives or additives that exceed amounts allowed in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, parts 170 to 180; generally recognized as safe or prior sanctioned substances that exceed amounts allowed in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, parts 181 to 186; substances that exceed amounts specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 318.7; or pesticide residues that exceed provisions specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 185.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0175 3-202.13 SHELL EGGS.*

Shell eggs shall be received clean and sound and shall:

A. not exceed the restricted egg tolerances for United States Consumer Grade B specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, parts 56 and 59; and

B. comply with parts 1520.1200 to 1520.2000 and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 29.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.0180 3-202.14 EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS.*

Liquid, frozen, and dry eggs and egg products shall be obtained pasteurized.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0185 3-202.15 MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.*

A. Fluid and dry milk and milk products complying with Grade A standards specified in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 32, shall be obtained pasteurized.

B. Frozen milk products, including ice cream, shall be obtained pasteurized according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, part 135.

C. Cheese shall be obtained pasteurized unless alternative procedures to pasteurization are provided for in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, part 133, for curing certain cheese varieties.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0190 3-202.16 PACKAGE INTEGRITY.*

Food packages shall be in good condition and protect the integrity of the contents so that the food is not exposed to adulteration or potential contaminants.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0195 3-202.17 ICE.*

Ice for use as a food or a cooling medium shall be made from drinking water.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0200 3-202.18 SHUCKED SHELLFISH; PACKAGING AND IDENTIFICATION.

A. Raw shucked shellfish shall be obtained in nonreturnable packages that bear a legible label that identifies:

(1) the name, address, and certification number of the shucker-packer or repacker of the molluscan shellfish; and

(2) the "sell by" date for packages with a capacity of less than 1.87 liter (one-half gallon) or the date shucked for packages with a capacity of 1.87 liter (one-half gallon) or more.

B. A package of raw shucked shellfish that does not bear a label or that bears a label that does not contain all the information specified in item A shall be subject to a hold order as allowed by Minnesota Statutes, section 31.05, subdivision 1, or seizure and destruction according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 1240.60, paragraph (d).

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0205 3-202.19 SHELLFISH IDENTIFICATION.*

Subpart 1. **Tags and labels.** Shellstock shall be obtained in containers bearing legible source identification tags or labels that:

A. are affixed by the harvester and each dealer that deperates, ships, or reships the shellstock, as specified in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Manual of Operations, Part II, as the manual is described in part 4626.0150, item A; and

B. list:

(1) except as specified in subpart 3, on the harvester's tag or label, the following information in the following order:

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- (a) the harvester's identification number that is assigned by the shellfish control authority;
- (b) the date of harvesting;
- (c) the most precise identification of the harvest location or aquaculture site that is practicable based on the system of harvest area designations that is in use by the shellfish control authority and including the abbreviation of the name of the state or country in which the shellfish are harvested;
- (d) the type and quantity of shellfish; and
- (e) the following statement in bold, capitalized type: "THIS TAG IS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED UNTIL CONTAINER IS EMPTY OR RE-TAGGED AND THEREAFTER KEPT ON FILE FOR 90 DAYS."; and

(2) except as specified in subpart 4, on each dealer's tag or label, the following information in the following order:

- (a) the dealer's name and address and the certification number assigned by the shellfish control authority;
- (b) the original shipper's certification number including the abbreviation of the name of the state or country in which the shellfish are harvested;
- (c) the information specified in subitem (1), units (b) to (d); and
- (d) the following statement in bold, capitalized type: "THIS TAG IS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED UNTIL CONTAINER IS EMPTY AND THEREAFTER KEPT ON FILE FOR 90 DAYS."

Subp. 2. Hold order. A container of shellstock that does not bear a tag or label or that bears a tag or label that does not contain all the information specified in subpart 1 shall be subject to a hold order as allowed by Minnesota Statutes, section 31.05, subdivision 1, or seizure and destruction according to Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 1240.60, paragraph (d).

Subp. 3. Dealer information. If a place is provided on the harvester's tag or label for a dealer's name, address, and certification number, the dealer's information shall be listed first.

Subp. 4. Exception. If the harvester's tag or label is designed to accommodate each dealer's identification as specified in subpart 1, item B, subitem (2), units (a) and (b), individual dealer tags or labels need not be provided.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0210 3-202.110 SHELLSTOCK; CONDITION.

When received by a food establishment, shellstock shall be reasonably free of mud, dead shellfish, and shellfish with broken shells. Dead shellfish or shellstock with badly broken shells shall be discarded.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0215 3-203.11 MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH; ORIGINAL CONTAINER.

A. Except as specified in items B and C, molluscan shellfish shall not be removed from the container in which they were received other than immediately before sale or preparation for service.

B. Shellstock may be removed from the container in which they were received, displayed on drained ice, or held in a display container, and a quantity specified by a consumer may be removed from the display or display container and provided to the consumer if:

- (1) the source of the shellstock on display is identified as specified in part 4626.0205 and recorded as specified in part 4626.0220; and
- (2) the shellstock are protected from contamination.

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C. Shucked shellfish may be removed from the container in which they were received and held in a display container from which individual servings are dispensed upon a consumer's request if:

(1) the labeling information for the shellfish on display specified in part 4626.0200 is retained and correlated to the date when, or dates during which, the shellfish are sold or served; and

(2) the shellfish are protected from contamination.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0220 3-203.12 SHELLSTOCK; MAINTAINING IDENTIFICATION.*

A. Except as specified in item B, subitem (2), shellstock tags shall remain attached to the container in which the shellstock are received until the container is empty.

B. The identity of the source of shellstock that are sold or served shall be maintained by retaining shellstock tags or labels for 90 calendar days from the date the container is emptied by:

(1) using an approved recordkeeping system that keeps the tags or labels in chronological order correlated to the date when, or dates during which, the shellstock are sold or served; and

(2) if shellstock are removed from their tagged or labeled container:

(a) using only one tagged or labeled container at a time; or

(b) using more than one tagged or labeled container at a time and obtaining a variance from the regulatory authority as specified in parts 4626.1690 to 4626.1715 based on a HACCP plan developed according to parts 4626.1730 and 4626.1735 that:

i. is submitted by the licensee and approved by the regulatory authority as specified in parts 4626.1690 to 4626.1715;

ii. preserves source identification by using a recordkeeping system specified in subitem (1); and

iii. ensures that shellstock from one tagged or labeled container are not commingled with shellstock from another container before being ordered by the consumer.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

PROTECTION FROM CONTAMINATION

4626.0225 3-301.11 PREVENTING CONTAMINATION FROM HANDS.*

A. Food employees shall wash their hands as specified in part 4626.0070.

B. Except when washing fruits and vegetables as specified in part 4626.0255, food employees shall limit direct hand contact with exposed, ready-to-eat food when deli tissue, spatulas, tongs, dispensing equipment, or other utensils can be used.

C. Food employees shall minimize bare hand and arm contact with exposed food that is not in a ready-to-eat form.

D. Except when wounds or lesions are present as described in part 4626.0040, single-use gloves are not required if proper handwashing as specified in parts 4626.0070 to 4626.0090 is undertaken.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0230 3-301.12 PREVENTING CONTAMINATION WHEN TASTING.*

A food employee shall not use a utensil more than once to taste food that is to be sold or served.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0235 3-302.11 PACKAGED AND UNPACKAGED FOOD; SEPARATION, PACKAGING, AND SEGREGATION.*

A. Food shall be protected from cross-contamination by:

- (1) separating raw animal foods during storage, preparation, holding, and display from:
 - (a) raw ready-to-eat food including fish for sushi, molluscan shellfish, or other raw animal food, and vegetables; and
 - (b) cooked ready-to-eat food;
- (2) except when combined as ingredients, separating types of raw animal foods from each other during storage, preparation, holding, and display by:
 - (a) one of the following:
 - i. using separate equipment for each type of food; or
 - ii. arranging each type of food in equipment so that cross-contamination of one type with another is prevented; and
 - (b) preparing each type of food at different times or in separate areas;
- (3) cleaning equipment and utensils as specified in part 4626.0845, item A, and sanitizing as specified in part 4626.0905;
- (4) except as specified in item B, storing the food in packages, covered containers, or wrappings;
- (5) cleaning hermetically sealed containers of food of visible soil before opening;
- (6) protecting food containers that are received packaged together in a case or overwrap from cuts when the case or overwrap is opened;
- (7) storing damaged, spoiled, or recalled food being held in the food establishment as specified in part 4626.1505; and
- (8) separating fruits and vegetables, before they are washed as specified in part 4626.0255, from ready-to-eat food.

B. Item A, subitem (4), does not apply to:

- (1) whole, uncut, raw fruits and vegetables and nuts in the shell that require peeling or hulling before consumption;
 - (2) primal cuts, quarters, or sides of raw meat or slab bacon that are hung on clean, sanitized hooks or placed on clean, sanitized racks;
 - (3) whole, uncut, processed meats including country hams and smoked or cured sausages that are placed on clean, sanitized racks;
 - (4) food being cooled as specified in part 4626.0390, item B, subitem (2);
- or
- (5) shellstock.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0240 3-302.12 FOOD STORAGE CONTAINERS; IDENTIFIED WITH COMMON NAME OF FOOD.

Working containers holding food or food ingredients that are removed from their original packages for use in the food establishment, including cooking oils, flour, herbs, potato flakes, salt, spices, and sugar, shall be identified with the common name of the food except that containers holding food that can be readily and unmistakably recognized, including dry pasta, need not be identified. The identification must be in English and any other language used by the employees of the food establishment who handle food.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0245 3-302.13 PASTEURIZED EGGS; SUBSTITUTE FOR SHELL EGGS.*

A. Pasteurized eggs or egg products shall be substituted for raw shell eggs in the preparation of Caesar salad, hollandaise or bearnaise sauce, mayonnaise, eggnog, ice cream, egg-fortified beverages, and other foods that are not:

- (1) cooked as specified in part 4626.0340, item A, subitem (1) or (2); or
- (2) included in part 4626.0340, item C, subitem (1).

B. Tom and Jerry batter, mix, or base shall be obtained from a source that complies with parts 1555.7410 to 1555.7500.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0250 3-302.14 PROTECTION FROM UNAPPROVED ADDITIVES.*

A. Food shall be protected from contamination that may result from the addition of, as specified in part 4626.0170:

- (1) unsafe or unapproved food or color additives; and
- (2) unsafe or unapproved levels of approved food and color additives.

B. A food employee shall not:

(1) apply sulfiting agents to fresh fruits and vegetables intended for raw consumption or to a food considered to be a good source of vitamin B₁ as specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 101.54, paragraph (c); or

(2) serve or sell food specified in subitem (1) that is treated with sulfiting agents before receipt by the food establishment, except that grapes need not meet this subitem.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0255 3-302.15 WASHING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

A. Raw fruits and vegetables shall be thoroughly washed in water to remove soil and other contaminants before being cut, combined with other ingredients, cooked, served, or offered for human consumption in ready-to-eat form except that whole, raw fruits and vegetables that are intended for washing by the consumer before consumption need not be washed before they are sold.

B. Fruits and vegetables may be washed by using chemicals as specified in part 4626.1625.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0260 3-303.11 ICE USED AS EXTERIOR COOLANT; PROHIBITION.

After use as a medium for cooling the exterior surfaces of food including melons, fish, or canned beverages or other packaged foods, or cooling coils and tubes of equipment, ice shall not be used as food.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0265 3-303.12 STORAGE OR DISPLAY OF FOOD IN CONTACT WITH WATER OR ICE.

A. Packaged food shall not be stored in direct contact with ice or water if the food is subject to the entry of water because of the nature of its packaging, wrapping, or container or its positioning in the ice or water.

B. Bottled and canned beverages on retail display shall not be stored in contact with water or undrained ice.

C. Other than for direct retail sales, whole, raw fruits or vegetables; cut, raw vegetables including celery, carrot sticks, or potatoes; and tofu may be immersed in ice or water.

D. Raw chicken and raw fish that are received immersed in ice in shipping containers may remain in that condition while in storage awaiting preparation, display, service, or sale.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0270 3-304.11 FOOD CONTACT WITH EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS.*

Food shall not contact:

A. probe-type price or identification tags;^N and

B. surfaces of equipment and utensils that are not cleaned as specified in parts 4626.0840 to 4626.0890 and sanitized as specified in parts 4626.0895 to 4626.0905.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0275 3-304.12 IN-USE UTENSILS; BETWEEN-USE STORAGE.

A. During pauses in food preparation or dispensing, food preparation and dispensing utensils shall be stored:

(1) except as specified in item B, in the food with the handles above the top of the food and the container;

(2) in food that is not potentially hazardous, with the handles above the top of the food within containers or equipment that can be closed, including bins of sugar, flour, or cinnamon;

(3) on a clean portion of the food preparation table or cooking equipment and shall be cleaned and sanitized at a frequency specified in parts 4626.0845 and 4626.0900;

(4) in running water of sufficient velocity to flush particulates to the drain, if used with moist food including ice cream or mashed potatoes; or

(5) in a clean, protected location if the utensils, including ice scoops, are used only with a food that is not potentially hazardous.

B. For consumer self-service of bulk food, a manual dispensing utensil shall have a handle long enough to avoid consumer contact with bulk food. When not in use, the dispensing utensil shall be stored either in the food with the handle extended out of the food, or in a protective enclosure attached or adjacent to the display unit with the utensil on a tether of easily cleanable material short enough to prevent contact with the floor.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0280 LINENS AND NAPKINS; USE LIMITATION.

Linens and napkins shall not be used in contact with food unless they are used to line a container for the service of foods and the linens and napkins are replaced each time the container is refilled for a new consumer.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0285 3-304.13 WIPING CLOTHS; USED FOR ONE PURPOSE.

A. Cloths that are in use for wiping food spills shall be used for no other purpose.

B. Cloths used for wiping food spills shall be:

(1) dry and used for wiping food spills from tableware and carry-out containers; or

(2) moist and cleaned as specified in part 4626.0915, item D, stored in a chemical sanitizer as specified in part 4626.1620, and used for wiping spills from food-contact and non-food-contact surfaces of equipment.

C. Dry or moist cloths that are used with raw animal foods shall be kept separate from cloths used for other purposes. Moist cloths used with raw animal foods shall be kept in a separate sanitizing solution.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0287 3-304.14 GLOVES; USE LIMITATION.

A. If used, single-use gloves shall be used for only one task including working with ready-to-eat food or with raw animal food, used for no other purpose, and discarded when damaged or soiled, or when interruptions occur in the operation.

B. Except as specified in item C, slash-resistant gloves that are used to protect the hands during operations requiring cutting shall be used in direct contact only with food that is subsequently cooked as specified in parts 4626.0340 to 4626.0365, including frozen food or a primal cut of meat.

C. Slash-resistant gloves may be used with ready-to-eat food that will not be subsequently cooked if the slash-resistant gloves have a smooth, durable, and nonabsorbent outer surface; or if the slash-resistant gloves are covered with a smooth, durable, nonabsorbent glove, or a single-use glove.

D. Cloth gloves shall not be used in direct contact with food unless the food is subsequently cooked as required under parts 4626.0340 to 4626.0365, including frozen food or a primal cut of meat.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0290 3-304.15 USING CLEAN TABLEWARE FOR SECOND PORTIONS AND REFILLS.

A. A food employee shall not use single-service articles or other tableware soiled by the consumer to provide second portions or refills.

B. Except as specified in item C, self-service consumers shall not be allowed to use soiled single-service articles or other tableware to obtain additional food from the display and serving equipment.

C. Cups and glasses may be reused by self-service consumers if refilling is a contamination-free process as specified in part 4626.0575, items A, B, and D.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0295 3-304.16 REFILLING RETURNABLES.

A. A take-home food container returned to a food establishment shall not be refilled at a food establishment with a potentially hazardous food.

B. Except as specified in item C, a take-home food container refilled with food that is not potentially hazardous shall be cleaned as specified in part 4626.0890.

C. Personal take-out beverage containers, including thermally insulated bottles, nonspill coffee cups, and promotional beverage glasses, may be refilled by employees or the consumer if refilling is a contamination-free process as specified in part 4626.0575, items A, B, and D.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0300 3-305.11 FOOD STORAGE.

A. Except as specified in items B and C, food shall be protected from contamination by storing the food:

- (1) in a clean, dry location;
- (2) where it is not exposed to splash, dust, or other contamination; and
- (3) at least 15 cm (six inches) above the floor.

B. Food in packages and working containers may be stored less than 15 cm (six inches) above the floor on case lot handling equipment specified in part 4626.0665.

C. Pressurized beverage containers, cased food in waterproof containers, including bottles or cans, and milk containers in plastic crates may be stored on a floor that is clean and not exposed to floor moisture.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0305 3-305.12 FOOD STORAGE; PROHIBITED AREAS.

Food shall not be stored:

- A. in a locker room;
- B. in a toilet room;
- C. in a dressing room;
- D. in a garbage room;
- E. in a mechanical room;
- F. under a sewer line that is not shielded to intercept potential drips;
- G. under a leaking water line, including a leaking automatic fire sprinkler head, or under a line on which water has condensed;
- H. under an open stairwell; or
- I. under any other source of contamination.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0310 3-305.13 VENDED POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD; ORIGINAL CONTAINER.

Potentially hazardous food dispensed through a vending machine shall be in the package in which it was placed at the food establishment or food processing plant where it was prepared.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0315 3-305.14 FOOD PREPARATION.

During preparation, unpackaged food shall be protected from environmental sources of contamination.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0320 3-306.11 FOOD DISPLAY.

Except for nuts in the shell and whole, raw fruits and vegetables that are intended for hulling, peeling, or washing by the consumer before consumption, food on display shall be protected from contamination by the use of packaging; counter, service line, or salad bar food guards; display cases; or other effective means.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0325 3-306.12 CONDIMENTS; PROTECTION.

A. Condiments shall be protected from contamination by being kept in dispensers that are designed to provide protection, protected food displays provided with the proper utensils, original containers designed for dispensing, or individual packages or portions.

B. Condiments at a vending machine location shall be in individual packages or provided in dispensers that are filled at a location that is approved by the regulatory authority, including the food establishment that provides food to the vending machine location, a food processing plant that is regulated by the agency that has jurisdiction over the operation, or a properly equipped facility that is located on the site of the vending machine location.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0330 3-306.13 CONSUMER SELF-SERVICE OPERATIONS.*

A. Unpackaged, raw animal food, including beef, lamb, pork, poultry, and fish, shall not be offered for consumer self-service. This item does not apply to consumer self-service of ready-to-eat foods at buffets or salad bars that serve foods including sushi or raw shellfish, or to ready-to-cook individual portions for immediate cooking and consumption on the premises including consumer-cooked meats or consumer-selected ingredients for Mongolian barbecue.

B. Consumer self-service operations for ready-to-eat foods shall be provided with suitable utensils or effective dispensing methods that protect the food from contamination.^N

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0335 3-306.14 RETURNED FOOD; RESERVICE OR SALE.*

A. Except as specified in item B, after being served or sold and in the possession of a consumer, food that is unused or returned by the consumer shall not be offered as food for human consumption.

B. Food that is not potentially hazardous, including crackers and condiments, and that is in an unopened original package and maintained in sound condition may be re-served or resold.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

DESTROYING ORGANISMS**4626.0340 3-401.11 RAW ANIMAL FOODS.***

A. Except as specified in items B and C, raw animal foods, including eggs, fish, poultry, meat, and foods containing these raw animal foods, shall be cooked to heat all parts of the food to a temperature and for a time that complies with one of the following methods based on the food that is being cooked:

(1) 63 degrees C (145 degrees F) or above for 15 seconds for:

(a) raw shell eggs that are broken and prepared in response to a consumer's order and for immediate service; and

(b) except as specified in subitems (2) and (3) and item B, fish and meat including game animals commercially raised for food as specified in part 4626.0160;

(2) 68 degrees C (155 degrees F) or above for 15 seconds or the temperature specified in the following chart that corresponds to the holding time for pork; ratites; injected meats; the following if they are comminuted: fish, meat, and

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game animals commercially raised for food as specified in part 4626.0160; and raw eggs that are not prepared as specified in subitem (1), unit (a):

Minimum

Temperature °C (°F)	Time
63 (145)	3 minutes
66 (150)	1 minute

(3) 74 degrees C (165 degrees F) or above for 15 seconds for poultry; wild game animals specified in part 4626.0160; stuffed fish; stuffed meat; stuffed pasta; stuffed poultry; stuffed ratites; or stuffing containing fish, meat, poultry, or ratites.

B. Whole beef roasts and corned beef roasts shall be cooked:

(1) in an oven that is preheated to the temperature specified for the roast's weight in the following chart and that is held at that temperature:

Oven Type	Oven Temperature Based on Roast Weight	
	Less than to 4.5 kg (10 lbs)	4.5 kg (10 lbs) or more
Still dry	177°C (350°F) or more	121°C (250°F) or more
Convection	163°C (325°F) or more	121°C (250°F) or more
High humidity ¹	121°C (250°F) or less	121°C (250°F) or less

¹Relative humidity greater than 90 percent for at least one hour as measured in the cooking chamber or exit of the oven; or in a moisture-impermeable bag that provides 100 percent humidity.

(2) as specified in the following chart, to heat all parts of the food to a temperature and for the holding time that corresponds to that temperature:

Temperature °C (°F)	Time ¹ in Minutes
54 (130)	121
56 (132)	77
57 (134)	47
58 (136)	32
59 (138)	19
60 (140)	12
61 (142)	8
62 (144)	5
63 (145)	3

¹Holding time may include postoven heat rise.

C. Items A and B do not apply if:

(1) the food is a raw animal food, including raw egg, raw fish, raw-marinated fish, raw molluscan shellfish, steak tartare, or a partially cooked food including lightly cooked fish, rare meat, and soft cooked eggs that is served or offered for sale in a ready-to-eat form, when the food is prepared in that fashion at the request of the consumer; or

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(2) the regulatory authority grants a variance from item A or B as specified in part 4626.1695, based on a HACCP plan that:

(a) is submitted by the licensee and approved as specified in part 4626.1695;

(b) documents scientific data or other information showing that a lesser time and temperature regimen results in a safe food; and

(c) verifies that equipment and procedures for food preparation and training of food employees at the food establishment meet the conditions of the variance.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0345 3-401.15 MICROWAVE COOKING.*

Raw animal foods cooked in a microwave oven shall be:

A. rotated or stirred throughout or midway during cooking to compensate for uneven distribution of heat;

B. covered to retain surface moisture;

C. heated to a temperature of at least 74 degrees C (165 degrees F) in all parts of the food; and

D. allowed to stand covered for two minutes after cooking to obtain temperature equilibrium.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0350 3-402.11 PARASITE DESTRUCTION.*

A. Except as specified in item B, before service or sale in ready-to-eat form, raw, raw-marinated, partially cooked, or marinated-partially cooked fish other than molluscan shellfish shall be frozen throughout to a temperature of:

(1) -20 degrees C (-4 degrees F) or below for 168 hours (seven days) in a freezer; or

(2) -35 degrees C (-31 degrees F) or below for 15 hours in a blast freezer.

B. If the fish are tuna of the species *Thunnus alalunga*, *Thunnus albacares* (Yellowfin tuna), *Thunnus atlanticus*, *Thunnus maccoyii* (Bluefin tuna, Southern), *Thunnus obesus* (Bigeye tuna), or *Thunnus thynnus* (Bluefin tuna, Northern), the fish may be served or sold in a raw, raw-marinated, or partially cooked ready-to-eat form without freezing as specified in item A.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0355 3-402.12 RECORDS; CREATION AND RETENTION.

A. Except as specified in item B, and part 4626.0350, item B, if raw, raw-marinated, partially cooked, or marinated-partially cooked fish are served or sold in ready-to-eat form, the person in charge shall record the freezing temperature and time to which the fish are subjected and shall retain the records at the food establishment for 90 calendar days beyond the time of service or sale of the fish.

B. If the fish are frozen by a supplier, a written agreement or statement from the supplier stipulating that the fish supplied are frozen to a temperature and for a time specified in part 4626.0350 may substitute for the records specified in item A.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.0360 3-403.11 REHEATING FOR HOT HOLDING.*

A. Except as specified in items B, C, and E, potentially hazardous food that is cooked, cooled, and reheated for hot holding shall be reheated so that all parts of the food reach a temperature of at least 74 degrees C (165 degrees F) for 15 seconds.

B. Except as specified in item C, potentially hazardous food reheated in a microwave oven for hot holding shall be reheated so that all parts of the food reach a temperature of at least 74 degrees C (165 degrees F) and the food is rotated or stirred, covered, and allowed to stand covered for two minutes after reheating.

C. Ready-to-eat food taken from a commercially processed, hermetically sealed container, or from an intact package from a food processing plant that is inspected by the food regulatory authority that has jurisdiction over the plant, shall be heated to a temperature of at least 60 degrees C (140 degrees F) for hot holding.

D. Reheating for hot holding shall be done rapidly and the minimum temperature specified in item A shall be reached within two hours.

E. Remaining unsliced portions of roasts of beef that are cooked as specified in part 4626.0340, item B, may be reheated for hot holding using the oven parameters and minimum time and temperature conditions specified in part 4626.0340, item B.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0365 3-403.12 REHEATING FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE.

Cooked and refrigerated food that is prepared for immediate service in response to an individual consumer order, including roast beef sandwich au jus, may be served at any temperature.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0370 3-501.11 FROZEN FOOD.

Stored frozen foods shall be maintained frozen.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0375 3-501.12 POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD; SLACKING.

Frozen potentially hazardous food that is slacked to moderate the temperature shall be held:

A. under refrigeration that maintains the food temperature at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below under mechanical refrigeration; or

B. at any temperature if the food remains frozen.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0380 3-501.13 THAWING.

Potentially hazardous food shall be thawed:

A. under refrigeration that maintains the food temperature at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below;

B. completely submerged under running water:

(1) at a water temperature of 21 degrees C (70 degrees F) or below;

(2) with sufficient water velocity to agitate and float off loose particles in an overflow; and

(3) for a period of time that:

(a) does not allow thawed portions of ready-to-eat food to rise above 5 degrees C (41 degrees F); or

(b) does not allow thawed portions of a raw animal food requiring cooking as specified in part 4626.0340, items A and B, to be above 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) for more than four hours including the time the food is exposed to the running water and the time needed for preparation for cooking or the time it takes under refrigeration to lower the food temperature to 5 degrees C (41 degrees F);

C. as part of a cooking process if the food that is frozen is:

(1) cooked as specified in part 4626.0340, items A and B, or 4626.0345;

or

(2) thawed in a microwave oven and immediately transferred to conventional cooking equipment, with no interruption in the process; or

D. using any approved procedure that thaws a portion of frozen ready-to-eat food that is prepared for immediate service in response to an individual consumer's order.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.0385 3-501.14 COOLING.*

A. Cooked potentially hazardous food shall be cooled:

(1) from 60 degrees C (140 degrees F) to 21 degrees C (70 degrees F) within two hours; and

(2) from 21 degrees C (70 degrees F) to 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below within four hours.

B. Potentially hazardous food shall be cooled to 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below within four hours if prepared from ingredients at ambient temperature, including reconstituted foods and canned tuna.

C. A potentially hazardous food received in compliance with laws allowing a temperature above 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) during shipment from the supplier shall be cooled to 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below within four hours.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0390 3-501.15 COOLING METHODS.

A. Cooling shall be accomplished according to the time and temperature criteria specified in part 4626.0385 by using one or more of the following methods based on the type of food being cooled:

- (1) placing the food in shallow pans;
- (2) separating the food into smaller or thinner portions;
- (3) using rapid cooling equipment;
- (4) stirring the food in a container placed in an ice water bath;
- (5) using containers that facilitate heat transfer;
- (6) adding ice as an ingredient; or
- (7) other effective methods.

B. When placed in cooling or cold holding equipment, food containers in which food is being cooled shall be:

(1) arranged in the equipment to provide maximum heat transfer through the container walls; and

(2) loosely covered or uncovered if protected from overhead contamination as specified in part 4626.0300, item A, subitem (2), during the cooling period to facilitate heat transfer from the surface of the food.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.0395 3-501.16 POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD; HOT AND COLD HOLDING.*

Except during preparation, cooking, or cooling, or when time is used as the public health control as specified in part 4626.0410, potentially hazardous food shall be maintained:

A. at 60 degrees C (140 degrees F) or above, except that roasts cooked to a temperature and for a time specified in part 4626.0340, item B, may be held at a temperature of 54 degrees C (130 degrees F); or

B. at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below under mechanical refrigeration, except as specified in part 4626.0405, item B.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0400 3-501.17 READY-TO-EAT, POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD; DATE MARKING.*

A. Except as specified in item E, refrigerated, ready-to-eat potentially hazardous food prepared and held refrigerated for more than 24 hours in a food establishment shall be marked with the date of preparation to indicate the date by which the food shall be consumed, which is seven calendar days or less from the day of preparation, including the day of preparation, if the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less.

B. Except as specified in item E, a ready-to-eat, potentially hazardous food prepared in a food establishment and subsequently frozen shall be clearly marked:

(1) when the food is thawed, to indicate that the food shall be consumed within 24 hours; or

(2) at both of the following times:

(a) when the food is placed into the freezer, to indicate the length of time before freezing that the food is held refrigerated, which is limited to seven calendar days or less from the day of preparation, including the day of preparation, if the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less; and

(b) when the food is removed from the freezer, to indicate the date by which the food shall be consumed, which is seven calendar days or less after the food is removed from the freezer, minus the time before freezing that the food is held refrigerated if the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less before and after freezing.

C. Except as specified in items E and F, a container of refrigerated, ready-to-eat potentially hazardous food prepared and packaged by a food processing plant shall be clearly marked at the time the original container is opened in a food establishment to indicate the date by which the food shall be consumed, which is seven calendar days or less after the original container is opened including the day the original container is opened, if the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less.

D. Except as specified in items E and F, a container of refrigerated, ready-to-eat, potentially hazardous food prepared and packaged by a food processing plant and subsequently opened and frozen in a food establishment shall be clearly marked:

(1) when the food is thawed, to indicate that the food shall be consumed within 24 hours; or

(2) at both of the following times:

(a) to indicate the time between the opening of the original container and freezing that the food is held refrigerated, which is limited to seven calendar days or less after opening the original container, including the day the original container is opened, if the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less; and

(b) when the food is removed from the freezer, to indicate the date by which the food shall be consumed, which is seven calendar days, minus the time

before freezing that the food is held refrigerated if the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less before and after freezing.

E. Items A to D do not apply to individual meal portions served or repackaged for sale from a bulk container upon a consumer's request.

F. Items C and D do not apply to whole, unsliced portions of a cured and processed product with the original casing maintained on the remaining portion, including bologna, salami, or other sausage in a cellulose casing.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0405 3-501.18 READY-TO-EAT, POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD; DISPOSITION.*

A. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item A, shall be discarded if not consumed within seven calendar days from the date of preparation, provided the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less, except for those food products that are prepared in a food package or container that is sealed, moisture impermeable, and previously unopened before preparation or handling.

B. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item B, subitem (1) or D, subitem (1), shall be discarded if not consumed within 24 hours after thawing.

C. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item B, subitems (2) and (3) or D, subitems (2) and (3), shall be discarded on or before the most recent date marked on the food container or package if the food is not consumed by that date.

D. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item C, shall be discarded if not consumed within seven calendar days after the date that the original container is opened, including the day the original container is opened, if the food is maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or less.

E. A food specified in part 4626.0400, item A, B, C, or D, shall be discarded if the food is:

(1) marked with the date specified in part 4626.0400, item A, B, C, or D, and the food is not consumed before the most recent date expires;

(2) in a container or package that does not bear a date or time; or

(3) inappropriately marked with a date or time that exceeds the date or time specified in part 4626.0400, item A, B, C, or D.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0410 3-501.19 TIME AS PUBLIC HEALTH CONTROL.*

Subpart 1. **Requirements.** Time only, rather than time in conjunction with temperature, may be used as the public health control for a working supply of potentially hazardous food before cooking, or for ready-to-eat potentially hazardous food that is displayed or held for service for immediate consumption, if:

A. the food is marked or otherwise identified with the time within which it shall be cooked, served, or discarded;

B. when the food that is provided for service and consumption is removed from temperature control, the food:

(1) is served or discarded within four hours; and

(2) is not removed from time control and returned for use at a later time;

C. food in unmarked containers or packages, or for which the time expires, is discarded; and

D. written procedures are maintained in the food establishment and made available to the regulatory authority upon request, to ensure compliance with:

(1) items A to C; and

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(2) part 4626.0385 for food that is prepared, cooked, and refrigerated before time is used as a public health control.

Subp. 2. **Notification.** The food establishment must submit written notification to the regulatory authority of its intention to use the procedures provided under this part prior to implementing the provisions of this part.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0415 3-502.11 SPECIALIZED PROCESSING HACCP REQUIREMENTS.*

A HACCP plan shall be prepared by a food establishment before:

A. smoking or curing food, except for smoking done for the purpose of imparting flavor only and not as a part of the cooking process;

B. using food additives or adding components, including vinegar, to:

(1) preserve food rather than to enhance flavor; or

(2) render a food so that it is not potentially hazardous; or

C. using a reduced oxygen method of packaging food.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0420 3-502.12 REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING; CRITERIA.*

A. A food establishment that packages potentially hazardous food using a reduced oxygen packaging method shall have a HACCP plan that contains the information specified in part 4626.1735, item A, subitem (4).

B. A HACCP plan under item A shall:

(1) identify the food to be packaged;

(2) limit the food packaged to a food that does not support the growth of *Clostridium botulinum* because the food:

(a) has an a_w of 0.91 or less;

(b) has a pH of 4.6 or less;

(c) is a food with a high level of competing organisms, including raw meat, raw poultry, or a naturally cultured standardized cheese; or

(d) is a meat or poultry product:

i. cured at a food processing plant regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture and received at the food establishment in an intact package; or

ii. cured using substances specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, sections 318.7 and 381.147;

(3) specify how the food will be maintained at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below;

(4) describe how the packages will be prominently and conspicuously labeled on the principal display panel in bold type on a contrasting background, with instructions to:

(a) keep refrigerated or frozen; and

(b) discard the food if within 14 calendar days of its packaging it is not served for on-premises consumption, or consumed if served or sold for off-premises consumption unless a variance, including a HACCP plan, has been granted by the regulatory authority under parts 4626.1690 to 4626.1715;

(5) limit the shelf life to no more than 14 calendar days from packaging to consumption or the original manufacturer's "sell by" or "use by" date, whichever occurs first, unless a variance, including a HACCP plan, has been granted under parts 4626.1690 to 4626.1715;

(6) include operational procedures that:

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(a) comply with part 4626.0225 relating to contamination from hands;

(b) identify a designated area and the method by which:

i. physical barriers or methods of separation of raw foods and ready-to-eat foods minimize cross contamination; and

ii. access to the processing equipment is restricted to responsible trained personnel familiar with the potential hazards of the operation; and

(c) delineate cleaning and sanitization procedures for food-contact surfaces; and

(7) describe the training program that ensures that the individual responsible for the reduced oxygen packaging operation understands the:

(a) concepts required for a safe operation;

(b) equipment and facilities; and

(c) procedures specified in subitem (6) and part 4626.1735, item A, subitem (3).

C. Except for fish that is frozen before, during, and after packaging, a food establishment shall not package fish using a reduced oxygen packaging method.

D. If a variance from item B, subitem (2), is requested according to parts 4626.1690 to 4626.1715, the variance request shall include a HACCP plan.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

FOOD IDENTITY

4626.0425 3-601.11 STANDARDS OF IDENTITY.

When a standard of identity exists, food shall comply with the standard of identity specified in chapters 1520, 1525, 1530, 1535, 1540, 1545, 1550, and 1555; Minnesota Statutes, chapters 29, 30, 31, 31A, 32, and 34; and Code of Federal Regulations, titles 7, 9, 21, and 50. Where the federal authority duplicates the state, the federal standard preempts the state standard.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0430 3-601.12 HONESTLY PRESENTED.

A. Food shall be offered for human consumption in a way that does not mislead or misinform the consumer.

B. Food or color additives, colored overwraps, or lights shall not be used to misrepresent the true appearance, color, or quality of food.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0435 3-602.11 FOOD LABELS.

Packaged food for sale in a food establishment shall be labeled according to:

A. United States Code, title 15, sections 1451 to 1461;

B. United States Code, title 21, sections 321, 331 to 334, 335b, 337, 341 to 343-1, 345, 346a, 350a, 371 to 374, 376, 379e, and 381;

C. Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, parts 1 to 1270;

D. Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, parts 301 to 391;

E. Code of Federal Regulations, title 7, parts 51, 52, 56, and 59;

F. Code of Federal Regulations, title 50, parts 260 to 285;

G. Minnesota Statutes, chapters 29, 30, 31, 31A, 32, 33, and 34; and

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H. chapters 1520, 1525, 1530, 1535, 1540, 1545, 1550, and 1555.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0440 3-602.12 OTHER FORMS OF INFORMATION.

A. Consumer information, including nutritional information, and consumer warnings shall be provided if required by United States Code, title 21, section 321, 331 to 334, 335b, 337, 341 to 343-1, 345, 346a, 350a, 371 to 374, 376, 379e, or 381.

B. The food establishment's or manufacturer's dating information on foods shall not be concealed or altered and shall be in compliance with parts 1550.1030 to 1550.1250.

C. Bulk food that is available for consumer self-service shall be prominently labeled as specified in Minnesota Statutes, sections 31.80 to 31.875, and Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, part 101, with the following information in plain view of the consumer:

(1) the manufacturer's or processor's label that was provided with the food, including nutritional labeling; or

(2) a card, sign, placard, or other method of notification clearly displayed at the point of purchase that includes:

(a) the common or usual name of the food;

(b) a list of ingredients in descending order of predominance;

(c) a declaration of artificial color if contained in the food, except that the food colors certified under United States Code, title 21, section 379e, and their respective lakes, as the term "lake" is defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 70.3, shall be individually listed;

(d) a declaration of flavor and chemical preservatives if contained in the food;

(e) for self-service beverage dispensers, conspicuous labeling attached to the beverage dispenser declaring the name of the beverage, artificial flavors, artificial colors including the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act Yellow No. 5, the name and quantity of preservatives, and, if labeled as fruitade or drink, the ingredients in descending order of predominance; and

(f) nutrition labeling if specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, part 101.

D. Foods that meet the exemptions and special labeling provision specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 101.9, paragraph (j), are exempt from nutritional labeling if no nutrient content claim or health claim is made.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

CONTAMINATED FOOD

4626.0445 3-701.11 DISCARDING OR RECONDITIONING ADULTERATED OR MISBRANDED FOOD.*

A. Food that is adulterated or misbranded shall be reconditioned according to Minnesota Statutes, section 31.495, or discarded.

B. Food that is not from an approved source specified in parts 4626.0130 to 4626.0160 shall be discarded.

C. Ready-to-eat food that may have been adulterated by an employee who has been restricted or excluded as specified in part 4626.0045 shall be discarded.

D. Food that is adulterated by food employees, consumers, or other persons through contact with hands, bodily discharges, including nasal or oral discharges, or any other means shall be discarded.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

4626.0450 4-101.11 CHARACTERISTICS.*

Materials that are used in the construction of utensils and food-contact surfaces of equipment shall not allow the migration of deleterious substances or impart colors, odors, or tastes to food and under normal use conditions shall be:

- A. safe;
- B. durable, corrosion-resistant, and nonabsorbent;^N
- C. sufficient in weight and thickness to withstand repeated warewashing;^N
- D. finished to have a smooth, easily cleanable surface;^N and
- E. resistant to pitting, chipping, crazing, scratching, scoring, distortion, and decomposition.^N

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0455 4-101.12 CAST IRON; USE LIMITATION.

- A. Except as specified in items B and C, cast iron shall not be used for utensils or food-contact surfaces of equipment.
- B. Cast iron may be used as a surface for cooking.
- C. Cast iron may be used in utensils for serving food if the utensils are used only as part of an uninterrupted process from cooking through service.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.0460 4-101.13 CERAMIC, CHINA, AND CRYSTAL UTENSILS; USE LIMITATION.

Ceramic, china, crystal utensils, and decorative utensils, including hand-painted ceramic or china, that are used in contact with food shall be lead-free or contain levels of lead not exceeding the limits of the following utensil categories:

Utensil Category	Description	Maximum Lead mg/L
Hot beverage mugs	Coffee mugs	0.5
Large hollowware	Bowls > 1.1 liter (1.16 quart)	1
Small hollowware	Bowls < 1.1 liter (1.16 quart)	2.0
Flat utensils	Plates, saucers	3.0

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0465 4-101.14 COPPER; USE LIMITATION.*

A. Except as specified in item B, copper and copper alloys, including brass, shall not be used in contact with a food that has a pH below six, including vinegar, fruit juice, or wine, or for a fitting or tubing installed between a backflow prevention device and a carbonator.

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B. Copper and copper alloys may be used in contact with beer brewing ingredients that have a pH below six in the prefermentation and fermentation steps of a brewpub, microbrewery, or other beer brewing operation.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0470 4-101.15 GALVANIZED METAL; USE LIMITATION.*

Galvanized metal shall not be used for utensils or food-contact surfaces of equipment that are used for beverages, acidic food, moist food, or hygroscopic food.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0475 4-101.16 SPONGES; USE LIMITATION.

Sponges shall not be used in contact with cleaned and sanitized or in-use food-contact surfaces.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0480 4-101.17 PEWTER; USE LIMITATION.

A. Pewter shall not be used as a food-contact surface.

B. Imitation pewter meeting the characteristics of multiuse utensils specified in part 4626.0450 may be used as a food-contact surface.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0485 4-101.18 SOLDER AND FLUX; USE LIMITATION.

Solder and flux containing lead in excess of 0.2 percent shall not be used on surfaces that contact food.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0490 4-101.19 WOOD; USE LIMITATION.

A. Except as specified in items B to D, wood and wood wicker shall not be used as a food-contact surface.

B. Hard maple or an equivalently hard, close-grained wood may be used for:

(1) cutting boards, cutting blocks, bakers' tables, rolling pins, doughnut dowels, salad bowls, chopsticks, and other utensils; and

(2) wooden paddles used in confectionery operations for pressure scraping kettles when manually preparing confections at a temperature of 110 degrees C (230 degrees F) or above.

C. Whole, uncut, raw fruits and vegetables and nuts in the shell may be kept in the wood shipping containers in which they were received, until the fruits, vegetables, or nuts are used.

D. If the nature of the food requires removal of rinds, peels, husks, or shells before consumption, the whole, uncut, raw food may be kept in:

(1) untreated wood containers; or

(2) treated wood containers if the containers are treated with a preservative that meets the requirements specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 178.3800.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0493 4-101.110 NONSTICK COATINGS; USE LIMITATIONS.

Frying pans, griddles, sauce pans, cookie sheets, waffle bakers, and other multiuse kitchenware that have a perfluorocarbon resin coating shall be used with nonscouring or nonscratching utensils and cleaning aids.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0495 4-101.111 NON-FOOD-CONTACT SURFACES.

Non-food-contact surfaces of equipment that are exposed to splash, spillage, or other food soiling or that require frequent cleaning shall be constructed of a corrosion-resistant, nonabsorbent, and smooth material.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0500 4-102.11 SINGLE-SERVICE AND SINGLE-USE ARTICLES; CHARACTERISTICS.*

Materials that are used to make single-service and single-use articles:

A. shall not:

- (1) allow the migration of deleterious substances; or
- (2) impart colors, odors, or tastes to food;^N and

B. shall be:

- (1) safe; and
- (2) clean.^N

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

EQUIPMENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**4626.0505 4-201.11 EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS.**

A. Equipment and utensils shall be designed and constructed to be durable and to retain their characteristic qualities under normal use conditions.

B. Food equipment installed or placed in service after June 6, 1989, shall meet the applicable NSF International food service equipment standards specified in this item. The equipment shall be determined by NSF International or an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z34.1 accredited independent entity, including Underwriters Laboratory or the Edison Testing Laboratory, to be equivalent to the NSF International standard.

- (1) Standard No. 2, Food Equipment, 1996 and subsequent editions.
- (2) Standard No. 3, Commercial Spray-Type Dishwashing and Glasswashing Machines, 1996 and subsequent editions.
- (3) Standard No. 4, Commercial Cooking, Rethermalization, and Powered Hot Food Holding and Transport Equipment, 1996 and subsequent editions.
- (4) Standard No. 5, Water Heaters, Hot Water Supply Boilers, and Heat Recovery Equipment, 1992 and subsequent editions.
- (5) Standard No. 6, Dispensing Freezers, 1996 and subsequent editions.
- (6) Standard No. 7, Food Service Refrigerators and Storage Freezers, 1990 and subsequent editions.
- (7) Standard No. 8, Commercial Powered Food Preparation Equipment, 1992 and subsequent editions.
- (8) Standard No. 12, Automatic Ice Making Equipment, 1992 and subsequent editions.

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(9) Standard No. 13, Refuse Compactors and Compactor Systems, 1992 and subsequent editions.

(10) Standard No. 18, Manual Food and Beverage Dispensing Equipment, 1996 and subsequent editions.

(11) Standard No. 20, Commercial Bulk Milk Dispensing Equipment, 1992 and subsequent editions.

(12) Standard No. 25, Vending Machines for Food and Beverages, 1990 and subsequent editions.

(13) Standard No. 26, Pot, Pan, and Utensil Commercial Spray-Type Washing Machines, 1990 and subsequent editions.

(14) Standard No. 29, Detergent and Chemical Feeders for Commercial Spray-Type Dishwashing Machines, 1992 and subsequent editions.

(15) Standard No. 35, Laminated Plastics for Surfacing Food Service Equipment, 1991 and subsequent editions.

(16) Standard No. 51, Plastic Materials and Components Used in Food Equipment, 1978 and subsequent editions.

(17) Standard No. 59, Food Carts, 1986 and subsequent editions.

(18) Criteria C-2, Special Equipment and Devices, 1983 and subsequent editions.

C. Vending machines and machines used to dispense water shall meet NSF International Standard No. 25 or meet the standards of the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA) specified in NAMA Standard for the Sanitary Design and Construction of Food and Beverage Vending Machines, April 1990, and subsequent editions.

D. Vending machines that vend water shall meet the standards specified in parts 1550.3200 to 1550.3320.

E. Baking equipment shall comply with the NSF International standards specified in item B or the Bakery Industry Sanitation Standards Committee (BISSC) standards specified in part 1550.1490, item K.

F. If baking equipment was manufactured before September 8, 1998, and does not comply with NSF International or BISSC standards, the equipment shall be in good repair and shall not constitute a health hazard as determined by the regulatory authority.

G. Used equipment that does not meet the NSF International, NAMA, or BISSC standards specified in this part at the time of installation is permitted if it:

(1) met the NSF International, NAMA, or BISSC standard in effect at the time of manufacture;

(2) remains in good repair;

(3) is capable of being maintained in a sanitary condition;

(4) has food-contact surfaces that are not toxic;

(5) does not constitute a health hazard; and

(6) is approved by the regulatory authority.

H. If a NSF International, NAMA, or BISSC standard is not available for a piece of equipment used in a food establishment, the equipment shall be designed for commercial use, smooth, easily cleanable, and readily accessible for cleaning and shall have contact surfaces that are not toxic.

I. Retail shelving and refrigeration and freezer display cases shall be constructed as specified in item A and designed for commercial use.

J. When food service or a food operation in a child care center, residential care home, supervised living facility, apartment building with congregate dining, boarding establishment, bed and breakfast, or similar establishment is limited to serving ten or fewer individuals, domestic equipment may be substituted for the commercial equipment required under this part.

4626.0563 PRESSURE MEASURING DEVICES; MECHANICAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT.

Pressure measuring devices that display the pressures in the water supply-line for the fresh hot water sanitizing rinse shall have increments of seven kilopascals (one pound per square inch) or smaller and shall be accurate to 14 kilopascals (2 pounds per square inch) in the 100 to 170 kilopascals (15 to 25 pounds per square inch) range.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0565 4-204.11 VENTILATION HOOD SYSTEMS, DRIP PREVENTION.

Exhaust ventilation hood systems in food preparation and warewashing areas, including hoods, fans, guards, ducting, and other components, shall be designed to prevent grease or condensation from draining or dripping onto food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0570 4-204.12 EQUIPMENT OPENINGS, CLOSURES, AND DEFLECTORS.

A. A cover or lid for equipment shall overlap the opening and be sloped to drain.

B. An opening located within the top of a unit of equipment that is designed for use with a cover or lid shall be flanged upward at least five millimeters (two-tenths inch).

C. Except as specified in item D, fixed piping, temperature measuring devices, rotary shafts, and other parts extending into equipment shall be provided with a watertight joint at the point where the item enters the equipment.

D. If a watertight joint is not provided:

(1) the piping, temperature measuring devices, rotary shafts, and other parts extending through the openings shall be equipped with an apron designed to deflect condensation, drips, and dust from food openings; and

(2) the opening shall be flanged as specified in item B.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0575 4-204.13 DISPENSING EQUIPMENT; PROTECTION OF EQUIPMENT AND FOOD.

In equipment that dispenses or vends liquid food or ice in unpackaged form:

A. the delivery tube, chute, orifice, and splash surfaces directly above the container receiving the food shall be designed with barriers, baffles, drip aprons, or similar devices to divert drips from condensation and splash from the opening of the container receiving the food;

B. the delivery tube, chute, and orifice shall be recessed or otherwise protected from manual contact;

C. the delivery tube or chute and orifice of equipment used to vend to self-service consumers shall be designed so that the delivery tube or chute and orifice are protected from dust, insects, rodents, and other contamination by a self-closing door if the equipment is:

(1) located in an outside area that does not otherwise afford the protection of an enclosure against rain, windblown debris, insects, rodents, and other contaminants that are present in the environment; or

(2) available for self-service during hours when it is not under the full-time supervision of a food employee; and

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D. the dispensing equipment actuating lever or mechanism and filling device of consumer self-service beverage dispensing equipment shall be designed to prevent contact with the lip-contact surface of glasses or cups that are refilled.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0580 4-204.14 VENDING MACHINE; VENDING STAGE CLOSURE.

The dispensing compartment of a vending machine, including a machine that is designed to vend chips, party mixes, pretzels, and other prepackaged snack food that is not potentially hazardous, shall be equipped with a self-closing door or cover if the machine is:

A. located in an outside area that does not otherwise afford the protection of an enclosure against rain, windblown debris, insects, rodents, and other contaminants that are present in the environment; or

B. available for self-service during hours when it is not under the full-time supervision of a food employee.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0585 4-204.15 BEARINGS AND GEAR BOXES; LEAKPROOF.

Equipment containing bearings and gears that require lubricants shall be designed and constructed so that the lubricant cannot leak, drip, or be forced into food or onto food-contact surfaces.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0590 4-204.16 BEVERAGE TUBING; SEPARATION.

Beverage tubing and cold-plate beverage cooling devices shall not be installed in contact with stored ice. This part does not apply to cold plates that are constructed integrally with an ice storage bin.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0595 4-204.17 ICE UNITS; SEPARATION OF DRAINS.

Liquid waste drain lines shall not pass through an ice machine or ice storage bin.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0600 4-204.18 CONDENSER UNIT; SEPARATION.

If a condenser unit is an integral component of equipment, the condenser unit shall be separated from the food and food storage space by a dustproof barrier.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0605 4-204.19 CAN OPENERS ON VENDING MACHINES.

Cutting or piercing parts of can openers on vending machines shall be protected from manual contact, dust, insects, rodents, and other contamination.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0610 4-204.110 MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH TANKS.

A. Except as specified in item B, molluscan shellfish life support system display tanks shall be used only to display shellfish that are not offered for human

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consumption and shall be conspicuously marked so that it is obvious to the consumer that the shellfish are for display only.

B. Molluscan shellfish life support system display tanks used to store and display shellfish that are offered for human consumption shall be operated and maintained according to a variance granted by the regulatory authority as specified in parts 4626.1690 to 4626.1715, with a HACCP plan as required in parts 4626.1730 and 4626.1735 that:

(1) is submitted by the licensee and approved by the regulatory authority as specified in parts 4626.1690 to 4626.1715; and

(2) ensures that:

(a) water used with fish other than molluscan shellfish does not flow into the molluscan tank;

(b) the safety and quality of the shellfish as they were received are not compromised by use of the tank; and

(c) the identity of the source of the shellstock is retained as specified in part 4626.0220.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0615 4-204.111 VENDING MACHINES; AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF.*

A. A machine vending potentially hazardous food shall have an automatic control that prevents the machine from vending food:

(1) if there is a power failure, mechanical failure, or other condition that results in an internal machine temperature that cannot maintain food temperatures specified in parts 4626.0130 to 4626.0420; and

(2) if a condition specified in subitem (1) occurs, until the machine is serviced and restocked with food that has been maintained at temperatures specified in parts 4626.0130 to 4626.0420.

B. The temperature specified for activation of the automatic shutoff within a machine vending potentially hazardous food may deviate from the temperature and for a time as follows:

(1) in a refrigerated vending machine, at an ambient temperature of 7 degrees C (45 degrees F) or more, for no more than 30 minutes immediately after the machine is filled, serviced, or restocked; or

(2) in a hot holding vending machine, at an ambient temperature of less than 60 degrees C (140 degrees F), for no more than 120 minutes after the machine is filled, serviced, or restocked.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0620 4-204.112 TEMPERATURE MEASURING DEVICES.

A. In a mechanically refrigerated or hot food storage unit, the sensor of a temperature measuring device shall be located to measure the air temperature in the warmest part of a mechanically refrigerated unit and in the coolest part of a hot food storage unit.

B. Except as specified in item C, cold or hot holding equipment used for potentially hazardous food shall be designed to include and shall be equipped with at least one integral or permanently affixed temperature measuring device that is located to allow easy viewing of the device's temperature display.

C. Item B does not apply to equipment for which the placement of a temperature measuring device is not a practical means for measuring the ambient air surrounding the food because of the design, type, and use of the equipment, including calrod units, heat lamps, cold plates, bainmaries, steam tables, insulated food transport containers, and salad bars.

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D. Temperature measuring devices shall be designed to be easily readable.

E. Food temperature measuring devices and water temperature measuring devices on warewashing machines shall have a numerical scale, printed record, or digital readout in increments no greater than 1 degree C or 2 degrees F in the intended range of use.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0625 4-204.113 WAREWASHING MACHINES; DATA PLATE OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS.

A warewashing machine shall be provided with an easily accessible and readable data plate affixed to the machine by the manufacturer that indicates the machine's design and operating specifications, including the:

A. temperatures required for washing, rinsing, and sanitizing;

B. pressure required for the fresh water sanitizing rinse unless the machine is designed to use only a pumped sanitizing rinse; and

C. conveyor speed for conveyor machines or cycle time for stationary rack machines.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0630 4-204.114 WAREWASHING MACHINES; INTERNAL BAFFLES.

Warewashing machine wash and rinse tanks shall be equipped with baffles, curtains, or other means to minimize internal cross-contamination of the solutions in wash and rinse tanks.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0635 4-204.115 WAREWASHING MACHINES; TEMPERATURE MEASURING DEVICES.

A warewashing machine shall be equipped with a temperature measuring device that indicates the temperature of the water:

A. in each wash and rinse tank; and

B. as the water enters the hot water sanitizing final rinse manifold or in the chemical sanitizing solution tank.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0640 4-204.116 MANUAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; HEATERS AND BASKETS.

If hot water is used for sanitization in manual warewashing operations, the sanitizing compartment of the sink shall be:

A. designed with an integral heating device that is capable of maintaining water at a temperature not less than 77 degrees C (171 degrees F); and

B. provided with a rack or basket to allow complete immersion of equipment and utensils into the hot water.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0643 WAREWASHING MACHINES; SANITIZER LEVEL INDICATOR.

A warewashing machine that uses a chemical for sanitization and that is installed after September 8, 1998, shall be equipped with a device that indicates audibly or visually when more chemical sanitizer needs to be added.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0645 4-204.117 WAREWASHING MACHINES; FLOW PRESSURE DEVICE.

A. Warewashing machines that provide a fresh hot water sanitizing rinse shall be equipped with a pressure gauge, transducer, or similar device that measures and displays the water pressure in the supply line immediately before entering the warewashing machine.

B. If the flow pressure measuring device is upstream of the fresh hot water sanitizing rinse control valve, the device shall be mounted in a 6.4 millimeter (one-fourth inch) iron pipe size (IPS) valve.

C. Items A and B do not apply to a machine that uses only a pumped or recirculated sanitizing rinse.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0650 4-204.118 WAREWASHING SINKS AND DRAINBOARDS; SELF-DRAINING.

Sinks and drainboards of warewashing sinks and machines shall be self-draining.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0655 4-204.119 EQUIPMENT COMPARTMENTS; DRAINAGE.

Equipment compartments that are subject to accumulation of moisture due to condensation, food or beverage drip, water from melting ice, or similar conditions shall be sloped to an outlet that allows complete draining.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0660 4-204.120 VENDING MACHINES; LIQUID WASTE PRODUCTS.

A. Vending machines designed to store beverages that are packaged in containers made from paper products shall be equipped with diversion devices and retention pans or drains for container leakage.

B. Vending machines that dispense liquid food in bulk shall be:

(1) provided with an internally mounted waste receptacle for the collection of drips, spillage, overflow, or other internal wastes; and

(2) equipped with an automatic shutoff device that takes the machine out of operation before the waste receptacle overflows.

C. A shutoff device specified in item B, subitem (2), shall prevent water or liquid food from continuously running if there is a failure of a flow control device in the water or liquid food system or waste accumulation that could lead to overflow of the waste receptacle.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0665 4-204.121 CASE LOT HANDLING EQUIPMENT; MOVEABILITY.

Dollies, pallets, racks, skids, and other equipment used to store and transport large quantities of packaged foods received from a supplier in a cased or overwrapped lot shall be designed to be moved by hand or by hand trucks, forklifts, or other conveniently available equipment.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0670 4-204.122 VENDING MACHINE DOORS AND OPENINGS.

A. Vending machine doors and access opening covers to food and container storage spaces shall be tight-fitting so that the space along the entire interface between

the doors or covers and the cabinet of the machine; if the doors or covers are in a closed position, is no greater than 1.5 millimeters (1/16 inch) by:

(1) being covered with louvers, screens, or materials that provide an equivalent opening of not greater than 1.5 millimeters (1/16 inch). Screening of 12 or more mesh to 2.5 centimeters (12 mesh to one inch) meets the requirements of this subitem;

(2) being effectively gasketed;

(3) having interface surfaces that are at least 13 millimeters (one-half inch) wide; or

(4) using jambs or surfaces to form an L-shaped entry path to the interface.

B. Vending machine service connection openings through an exterior wall of a machine shall be closed by sealants, clamps, or grommets so that the openings are no larger than 1.5 millimeters (1/16 inch).

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

EQUIPMENT NUMBERS AND CAPACITIES

4626.0675 4-301.11 COOLING, HEATING, AND HOLDING CAPACITIES.

Equipment for cooling and heating food, and holding cold and hot food, shall be sufficient in number and capacity to provide food temperatures specified in parts 4626.0130 to 4626.0420.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0680 4-301.12 MANUAL WAREWASHING; SINK COMPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS.

A. Except as specified in item C, a sink with at least three compartments and with integrally attached drainboards at each end shall be provided for manually washing, rinsing, and sanitizing equipment and utensils.

B. Sink compartments shall be large enough to accommodate immersion of the largest equipment and utensils. If equipment or utensils are too large for the warewashing sink, a warewashing machine or alternative equipment specified in item C shall be used.

C. Alternative manual warewashing equipment may be used when there are special cleaning needs or constraints and the regulatory authority approves the use of the alternative equipment. Alternative manual warewashing equipment may include:

- (1) high-pressure detergent sprayers;
- (2) low- or line-pressure spray detergent foamers;
- (3) other task-specific cleaning equipment;
- (4) brushes or other implements; or
- (5) receptacles that substitute for the compartments of a multicompartment sink provided they are used only for on-site vending machine cleaning and sanitizing.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0685 4-301.13 DRAINBOARDS:

A. Integral drainboards, utensil racks, or tables large enough to accommodate all soiled and cleaned items that may accumulate during hours of operation shall be provided for necessary utensil holding before cleaning and after sanitizing.

C. This part does not apply to display shelving units, display refrigeration units, and display freezer units located in the consumer shopping areas of a retail food store, if the floor under the units is maintained clean.

D. Except as specified in item E, table-mounted equipment that is not easily movable shall be elevated on legs that provide at least a ten centimeter (four inch) clearance between the table and the equipment.

E. The clearance space between the table and table-mounted equipment may be:

(1) 7.5 centimeters (three inches) if the horizontal distance of the table top under the equipment is no more than 50 centimeters (20 inches) from the point of access for cleaning; or

(2) five centimeters (two inches) if the horizontal distance of the table top under the equipment is no more than 7.5 centimeters (three inches) from the point of access for cleaning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

4626.0735 4-501.11 GOOD REPAIR AND PROPER ADJUSTMENT.

A. Equipment shall be maintained in a state of repair and condition that meets the requirements specified in parts 4626.0450 to 4626.0670.

B. Doors, seals, hinges, fasteners, kick plates, and other equipment components shall be kept intact, tight, and adjusted according to manufacturer's specifications.

C. Cutting or piercing parts of can openers shall be kept sharp to minimize the creation of metal fragments that can contaminate food when the container is opened.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0740 4-501.12 CUTTING SURFACES.

Cutting blocks and boards and other surfaces that are subject to scratching and scoring shall be resurfaced if they can no longer be effectively cleaned and sanitized, or discarded if they are not capable of being resurfaced.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0745 4-501.13 MICROWAVE OVENS.

Microwave ovens shall meet the safety standards specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 1030.10.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0750 4-501.14 EQUIPMENT CLEANING FREQUENCY.

A warewashing machine; the compartments of sinks, basins, or other receptacles used for washing and rinsing equipment, utensils, or raw foods, or laundering wiping cloths; and drainboards or other equipment used to substitute for drainboards as specified in part 4626.0685 shall be cleaned:

A. before use;

B. throughout the day at a frequency necessary to prevent recontamination of equipment and utensils and to ensure that the equipment performs its intended function; and

C. if used, at least once every 24 hours.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0755 4-501.15 WAREWASHING MACHINE; MANUFACTURER'S OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. A warewashing machine and its auxiliary components shall be operated according to the machine's data plate and other manufacturer's instructions.

B. A warewashing machine's conveyor speed or automatic cycle times shall be maintained accurately timed according to manufacturer's specifications.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0760 4-501.16 WAREWASHING SINKS; USE LIMITATION.

A. A warewashing sink shall not be used for handwashing or dumping mop water.

B. For food establishments licensed before September 8, 1998:

(1) a warewashing sink may be used to wash wiping cloths, wash produce, or thaw food if the sink is cleaned as specified in part 4626.0750 before and after each time it is used to wash wiping cloths, wash produce, or thaw food; and

(2) sinks used to wash or thaw food shall be sanitized as specified in parts 4626.0895 to 4626.0905 before and after using the sink to wash or thaw food.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0765 4-501.17 WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; CLEANING AGENTS.

The wash compartment of a sink, mechanical warewasher, or wash receptacle of alternative manual warewashing equipment specified in part 4626.0680, item C, shall, when used for warewashing, contain a wash solution of soap, detergent, acid cleaner, alkaline cleaner, degreaser, abrasive cleaner, or other cleaning agent according to the cleaning agent manufacturer's label instructions.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0770 4-501.18 WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; CLEAN SOLUTIONS.

The wash, rinse, and sanitize solutions shall be maintained clean.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0775 4-501.19 MANUAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; WASH SOLUTION TEMPERATURE.

The temperature of the wash solution in manual warewashing equipment shall be maintained at not less than 43 degrees C (110 degrees F) unless a different temperature is specified on the cleaning agent manufacturer's label instructions.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0780 FOOD PREPARATION SINKS; NEW OR EXTENSIVELY REMODELED ESTABLISHMENT.

For a food establishment newly licensed, extensively remodeled, or adding a food product to the menu that requires washing or thawing in a sink, if food will be washed

or thawed using a sink, the food establishment shall have a separate food preparation sink.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0785 4-501.110 MECHANICAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; WASH SOLUTION TEMPERATURE.

A. The temperature of the wash solution in spray-type warewashers that use hot water to sanitize shall not be less than:

(1) for a single tank, stationary rack, single temperature machine, 74 degrees C (165 degrees F);

(2) for a single tank, conveyor, dual temperature machine, 71 degrees C (160 degrees F);

(3) for a single tank, stationary rack, dual temperature machine, 66 degrees C (150 degrees F); or

(4) for a multitank, conveyor, multitemperature machine, 66 degrees C (150 degrees F).

B. The temperature of the wash solution in spray-type warewashers that use chemicals to sanitize shall not be less than 49 degrees C (120 degrees F).

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0790 4-501.111 MANUAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; HOT WATER SANITIZATION TEMPERATURES.*

If immersion in hot water is used for sanitizing in a manual operation, the temperature of the water shall be maintained at 77 degrees C (171 degrees F) or above.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0795 4-501.112 MECHANICAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; HOT WATER SANITIZATION TEMPERATURES.

A. Except as provided in item B, in a mechanical operation, the temperature of the fresh hot water sanitizing rinse as it enters the manifold shall not be more than 90 degrees C (194 degrees F) or less than:

(1) for a stationary rack, single temperature machine, 74 degrees C (165 degrees F); or

(2) for all other machines, 82 degrees C (180 degrees F).

B. The maximum temperature specified in item A does not apply to high pressure and temperature systems with wand-type, hand-held spraying devices used for in-place cleaning and sanitizing of equipment, including meat saws.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0800 4-501.113 MECHANICAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; SANITIZATION PRESSURE.

The flow pressure of the fresh hot water sanitizing rinse in a warewashing machine shall not be less than 100 kilopascals (15 pounds per square inch) or more than 170 kilopascals (25 pounds per square inch) as measured in the water line immediately downstream or upstream from the fresh hot water sanitizing rinse control valve.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.0805 4-501.114 MANUAL AND MECHANICAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; CHEMICAL SANITIZATION, TEMPERATURE, PH, CONCENTRATION, AND HARDNESS.*

A. A chemical sanitizer used in a sanitizing solution for a manual or mechanical operation at the exposure times specified in part 4626.0905, item C, shall be listed in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 178.1010, or in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 31. The sanitizer shall be used according to this part and the manufacturer's label approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

B. The sanitizer shall not exceed the amount specified on the manufacturer's label approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

C. If a sanitizer is used in an amount less than the maximum amount specified on the label in item B, the sanitizer shall be used as specified in this item.

(1) Unless the product label specifies otherwise, a chlorine solution shall have a minimum concentration of 50 ppm and:

(a) a minimum temperature of 24 degrees C (75 degrees F) for water with a pH of eight or less; or

(b) a minimum temperature of 38 degrees C (100 degrees F) for water with a pH of 8.1 to 10.

(2) An iodine solution shall have:

(a) a minimum temperature of 24 degrees C (75 degrees F);

(b) a pH of 5.0 or less, unless the manufacturer's use directions included in the labeling specify a higher pH limit of effectiveness; and

(c) a concentration between 12.5 mg/L and 25 mg/L.

(3) A quaternary ammonium compound solution shall:

(a) have a minimum temperature of 24 degrees C (75 degrees F);

(b) have a concentration specified in part 4626.1620 and as indicated by the manufacturer's use directions included in the labeling; and

(c) be used only in water with 500 mg/L hardness or less or in water having a hardness no greater than specified by the manufacturer's label.

D. Mechanical warewashing equipment shall be equipped with a visual or audible warning device to permit the operator to easily verify when the sanitizing agent is depleted.

E. Other chemical sanitizers may be used if they are applied according to the manufacturer's use directions included in the labeling.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0810 4-501.115 MANUAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; CHEMICAL SANITIZATION USING DETERGENT-SANITIZERS.

If a detergent-sanitizer is used to sanitize in a cleaning and sanitizing procedure where there is no distinct water rinse between the washing and sanitizing steps, the agent applied in the cleaning step shall be the same detergent-sanitizer.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0815 4-501.116 WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT; DETERMINING CHEMICAL SANITIZER CONCENTRATION.

Concentration of the sanitizing solution shall be accurately determined by using a test kit or other device.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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(a) at a frequency specified by the manufacturer; or
 (b) absent manufacturer specifications, at a frequency necessary to preclude accumulation of soil or mold.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0850 4-602.12 COOKING AND BAKING EQUIPMENT.

A. The food-contact surfaces of cooking and baking equipment shall be cleaned at least once every 24 hours. This part does not apply to hot oil cooking and filtering equipment if it is cleaned as specified in part 4626.0845, item D, subitem (6).

B. The cavities and door seals of microwave ovens shall be cleaned at least once every 24 hours by using the manufacturer's recommended cleaning procedure.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0855 4-602.13 NON-FOOD-CONTACT SURFACES.

Non-food-contact surfaces of equipment shall be cleaned at a frequency necessary to preclude accumulation of soil residues.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0860 4-603.11 DRY CLEANING.

A. If used, brushing, scraping, vacuuming, and other dry cleaning methods shall contact only surfaces that are soiled with dry food residues that are not potentially hazardous.

B. Cleaning equipment used in dry cleaning food-contact surfaces shall not be used for any other purpose.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0865 4-603.12 PRECLEANING.

A. Food debris on equipment and utensils shall be scrapped over a waste disposal unit, scupper, or garbage receptacle or shall be removed in a warewashing machine with a prewash cycle.

B. If necessary for effective cleaning, utensils and equipment shall be pre-flushed, presoaked, or scrubbed with abrasives.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0870 4-603.13 LOADING OF SOILED ITEMS; WAREWASHING MACHINES.

Soiled items to be cleaned in a warewashing machine shall be loaded into racks, trays, or baskets or onto conveyors in a position that:

A. exposes the items to the unobstructed spray from all cycles; and

B. allows the items to drain.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0875 4-603.14 WET CLEANING.

A. Equipment-food-contact surfaces and utensils shall be effectively washed to remove or completely loosen soils by using the manual or mechanical means necessary, including the application of detergents containing wetting agents and emulsifiers; acid, alkaline, or abrasive cleaners; hot water; brushes; scouring pads; high-pressure sprays; or ultrasonic devices.

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B. The washing procedures selected shall be based on the type and purpose of the equipment or utensil and on the type of soil to be removed.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0880 4-603.15 WASHING; PROCEDURES FOR ALTERNATIVE MANUAL WAREWASHING EQUIPMENT.

When the equipment is fixed, the utensils are too large, or washing in sink compartments or a warewashing machine is otherwise impractical, washing shall be done by using alternative manual warewashing equipment specified in part 4626.0680, item C, according to the following procedures:

A. equipment shall be disassembled as necessary to allow access of the detergent solution to all parts;

B. equipment components and utensils shall be scrapped or roughly cleaned to remove food particle accumulation; and

C. equipment and utensils shall be washed as specified in part 4626.0875, item A.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0885 4-603.16 RINSING PROCEDURES.

Washed utensils and equipment shall be rinsed to remove abrasives and to remove or dilute cleaning chemicals with water or a detergent-sanitizer solution using one of the following procedures:

A. use of a distinct, separate water rinse after washing and before sanitizing if using:

(1) a three-compartment sink;

(2) alternative manual warewashing equipment equivalent to a three-compartment sink specified in part 4626.0680, item C, subitem (1); or

(3) a three-step washing, rinsing, and sanitizing procedure in a warewashing system for CIP equipment;

B. use of a detergent-sanitizer specified in part 4626.0810 if using:

(1) alternative warewashing equipment specified in part 4626.0680, item C, that is approved for use with a detergent-sanitizer; or

(2) a warewashing system for CIP equipment;

C. use of a nondistinct water rinse that is integrated in the hot water sanitization immersion step of a two-compartment sink operation;

D. if using a warewashing machine that does not recycle the sanitizing solution as specified in item E, or alternative manual warewashing equipment, including sprayers, use of a nondistinct water rinse that is:

(1) integrated in the application of the sanitizing solution; and

(2) wasted immediately after each application; or

E. if using a warewashing machine that recycles the sanitizing solution for use in the next wash cycle, use of a nondistinct water rinse that is integrated in the application of the sanitizing solution.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0890 4-603.17 RETURNABLES; CLEANING FOR REFILLING.*

A. Except as specified in items B and C, returned empty containers intended for cleaning and refilling with food shall be cleaned and refilled in a regulated food processing plant.

B. A food-specific container for beverages may be refilled at a food establishment if:

(1) only a beverage that is not a potentially hazardous food is used as specified in part 4626.0295, item A;

(2) the design of the container and of the rinsing equipment and the nature of the beverage, when considered together, allow effective cleaning at home or in the food establishment;

(3) facilities for rinsing with fresh, hot water that is under pressure and not recirculated are provided, before refilling returned containers, as part of the dispensing system;

(4) the consumer-owned container returned to the food establishment for refilling is refilled for sale or service only to the same consumer; and

(5) the container is refilled by:

(a) an employee of the food establishment; or

(b) the owner of the container if the beverage system includes a contamination-free transfer process that cannot be bypassed by the container owner.

C. Consumer-owned containers that are not food-specific may be filled at a water vending machine or system.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

SANITIZING EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS

4626.0895 4-701.11 FOOD-CONTACT SURFACES AND UTENSILS.*

Equipment food-contact surfaces and utensils shall be sanitized.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0900 4-702.11 BEFORE USE AFTER CLEANING.*

Utensils and food-contact surfaces of equipment shall be sanitized before use after cleaning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0905 4-703.11 HOT WATER AND CHEMICAL.*

After being cleaned, equipment food-contact surfaces and utensils shall be sanitized in:

A. hot water manual operations by immersion for at least 30 seconds as specified in part 4626.0790;

B. hot water mechanical operations by being cycled through equipment that is set up as specified in parts 4626.0755, 4626.0795, and 4626.0800 and achieving a utensil surface temperature of 71 degrees C (160 degrees F) as measured by an irreversible registering temperature indicator; or

C. chemical manual or mechanical operations, including the application of sanitizing chemicals by immersion, manual swabbing, brushing, or pressure spraying methods, using a solution specified in part 4626.0805 by providing:

(1) an exposure time of at least ten seconds for a chlorine solution;

(2) an exposure time of at least 30 seconds for other chemical sanitizer solutions; or

(3) an exposure time used in relationship with a combination of temperature, concentration, and pH that, when evaluated for efficacy, yields sanitization as defined in part 4626.0020, subpart 75.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

LAUNDERING

4626.0910 4-801.11 CLEAN LINENS.

Clean linens shall be free from food residues and other soil.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0915 4-802.11 FREQUENCY OF LAUNDERING.

A. Linens that do not come in direct contact with food shall be laundered between uses if they become wet, sticky, or visibly soiled.

B. Cloth gloves specified in part 4626.0287, item D, shall be laundered before being used with a different type of raw animal food, including beef, lamb, poultry, pork, and fish.

C. Linens used as specified in part 4626.0280 and cloth napkins shall be laundered between each use.

D. Wet wiping cloths shall be laundered before being used with a fresh solution of cleanser or sanitizer.

E. Dry wiping cloths shall be laundered as necessary to prevent contamination of food and clean serving utensils.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0920 4-803.11 STORAGE OF SOILED LINENS.

Soiled linens shall be kept in clean, nonabsorbent receptacles or clean, washable laundry bags and stored and transported to prevent contamination of food, clean equipment, clean utensils, and single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0925 4-803.12 MECHANICAL WASHING.

A. Except as specified in item B, linens shall be mechanically washed.

B. In food establishments in which only wiping cloths are laundered as specified in part 4626.0695, item B, the wiping cloths may be laundered in a mechanical washer, a sink designated only for laundering wiping cloths, or a warewashing or food preparation sink that is cleaned as specified in part 4626.0750.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.0930 4-803.13 USE OF LAUNDRY FACILITIES.

A. Except as specified in item B, laundry facilities on the premises of a food establishment shall be used only for the washing and drying of items used in the operation of the establishment.

B. Separate laundry facilities located on the premises for general laundering for institutions providing boarding and lodging may also be used for laundering food establishment items.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

PROTECTING CLEAN ITEMS

4626.0935 4-901.11 EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS; AIR-DRYING REQUIRED.

A. Except as specified in item C, after cleaning and sanitizing, equipment and utensils shall not be cloth-dried.

B. Equipment and utensils shall be air-dried or used after adequate draining before contact with food.

C. Utensils that have been air-dried may be polished with cloths that are maintained clean and dry.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0940 4-901.12 WIPING CLOTHS; AIR-DRYING LOCATIONS.

Wiping cloths laundered in a food establishment that does not have a mechanical clothes dryer specified in part 4626.0695, item B, shall be air-dried in a location and in a manner that prevents contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, single-service and single-use articles, and wiping cloths. This part does not apply if wiping cloths are stored after laundering in a sanitizing solution specified in part 4626.0805.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0945 4-902.11 LUBRICANTS.

Lubricants shall be applied to food-contact surfaces that require lubrication in a manner that does not contaminate the food-contact surfaces.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0950 4-902.12 EQUIPMENT REASSEMBLY.

Equipment shall be reassembled so that food-contact surfaces are not contaminated.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0955 4-903.11 EQUIPMENT, UTENSILS, LINENS, AND SINGLE-SERVICE AND SINGLE-USE ARTICLES; STORAGE.

A. Except as specified in item D, clean equipment and utensils, laundered linens, and single-service and single-use articles shall be stored:

- (1) in a clean, dry location;
- (2) where they are not exposed to splash, dust, or other contamination;

and

- (3) at least 15 centimeters (six inches) above the floor.

B. Clean equipment and utensils shall be stored as specified in item A and shall be stored:

- (1) in a self-draining position that permits air drying; and
- (2) covered or inverted.

C. Single-service and single-use articles shall be stored as specified in item A and shall be kept in the original protective package or stored by using other means that afford protection from contamination until used.

D. Items that are kept in closed packages may be stored less than 15 centimeters (six inches) above the floor on dollies, pallets, racks, and skids that are designed as provided in part 4626.0665.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0960 4-903.12 STORAGE PROHIBITIONS.

A. Except as specified in item B, cleaned and sanitized equipment, utensils, laundered linens, or single-service and single-use articles shall not be stored:

- (1) in a locker room;
- (2) in a toilet room;
- (3) in a garbage room;
- (4) in a mechanical room;
- (5) under a sewer line that is not shielded to intercept potential drips;
- (6) under a leaking water line including a leaking automatic fire sprinkler head or under a line on which water has condensed;
- (7) under an open stairwell; or
- (8) under any other source of contamination.

B. Laundered linens and single-service and single-use articles that are packaged or in a cabinet or similar facility may be stored in a locker room.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0965 4-904.11 KITCHENWARE AND TABLEWARE.

A. Single-service and single-use articles and cleaned and sanitized utensils shall be handled, displayed, and dispensed so that contamination of food-contact and lip-contact surfaces is prevented.

B. Knives, forks, and spoons that are not prewrapped shall be presented so that only the handles are touched by employees and by consumers if consumer self-service is provided.

C. Except as specified in item B, single-service articles that are intended for food contact or lip contact shall be furnished for consumer self-service with the original individual wrapper intact or from an approved dispenser.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0970 4-904.12 SOILED AND CLEAN TABLEWARE.

Soiled tableware shall be removed from consumer eating and drinking areas and handled so that clean tableware is not contaminated.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0975 4-904.13 PRESET TABLEWARE.

Tableware may be preset if:

- A. it is protected from contamination by being wrapped, covered, or inverted;
 - B. it is exposed and unused settings are removed when a consumer is seated;
- or

C. it is exposed, unused settings are not removed when a consumer is seated, and the unused settings are cleaned and sanitized before further use.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

WATER

4626.0980 5-101.11 APPROVED SOURCE REQUIREMENT.*

Drinking water shall be obtained only from a source that meets the requirements specified in chapters 4720 and 4725 and Minnesota Statutes, section 31.175.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.0985 5-101.12 SYSTEM FLUSHING AND DISINFECTION.*

A drinking water system shall be flushed and disinfected according to chapters 4715, 4720, and 4725 before being placed in service after construction, repair, or

(4) Standard No. 58, Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water Systems, 1996 and subsequent editions.

C. The NSF International standards specified in item B are incorporated by reference, are not subject to frequent change, and are available through the Minitex interlibrary loan system.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1045 5-202.11 APPROVED SYSTEM AND CLEANABLE FIXTURES.*

A. A plumbing system shall be designed, constructed, and installed according to chapter 4715 and Minnesota Statutes, sections 326.37 to 326.45.

B. A handwashing lavatory, toilet, urinal, or other plumbing fixture shall be easily cleanable.^N

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1050 5-202.12 HANDWASHING LAVATORY; WATER TEMPERATURE AND FLOW.

A. A handwashing lavatory shall be equipped to provide water at a temperature of at least 43 degrees C (110 degrees F) through a mixing valve or combination faucet.

B. A steam mixing valve shall not be used at a handwashing lavatory.

C. A self-closing, slow-closing, or metering faucet shall provide a flow of water for at least 15 seconds without the need to reactivate the faucet.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1055 5-202.13 BACKFLOW PREVENTION; AIR GAP.*

An air gap between the water supply inlet and the flood level rim of the plumbing fixture, equipment, or nonfood equipment shall be at least twice the diameter of the water supply inlet and shall not be less than 25 millimeters (one inch).

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1060 5-202.14 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE; DESIGN STANDARD.

A backflow or backsiphonage prevention device installed on a water supply system shall meet American Society of Sanitary Engineering standards for construction, installation, maintenance, inspection, and testing for that specific application and type of device.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1065 5-202.15 CONDITIONING DEVICE; DESIGN.

A water filter, screen, or other water conditioning device installed on a water line shall be designed to facilitate disassembly for periodic servicing and cleaning. A water filter element shall be replaceable.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1070 5-203.11 HANDWASHING LAVATORY.*

A. At least one handwashing lavatory, the number of handwashing lavatories necessary for their convenient use by employees in the areas specified in part

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4626.1095, and not fewer than the number of handwashing lavatories required by chapter 4715 shall be provided.

B. When food exposure is limited and handwashing lavatories are not conveniently available at vending machine locations, employees may use chemically treated towelettes for handwashing.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1075 5-203.12 TOILETS AND URINALS.*

At least one toilet and not fewer than the number of toilets required by chapter 4715 shall be provided. In accordance with chapter 4715, urinals may be substituted for toilets if more than the required minimum number of toilets are provided.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1080 5-203.13 SERVICE SINK.

At least one service sink or one curbed cleaning facility equipped with a floor drain shall be provided and conveniently located for cleaning mops or similar wet floor cleaning tools and for disposing of mop water and similar liquid waste. The service sink or cleaning facility shall include a faucet accessible for supply of drinking water at all times.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1085 5-203.14 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE; WHEN REQUIRED.*

A plumbing system shall be installed to preclude backflow of a solid, liquid, or gas contaminant into the water supply system at each point of use at the food establishment, including on a hose bibb if a hose is attached or on a hose bibb if a hose is not attached and backflow prevention is required by law, by:

A. providing an air gap specified in part 4626.1055; or

B. installing an approved backflow prevention device specified in part 4626.1060.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1090 5-203.15 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE; CARBONATOR.*

Post-mix carbonated beverage machines shall have backflow prevention that complies with chapter 4715.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1095 5-204.11 HANDWASHING LAVATORY.*

A handwashing lavatory shall be located:

A. to allow convenient use by employees in food preparation, food dispensing, and warewashing areas; and

B. in toilet rooms.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1100 5-204.12 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE; LOCATION.

A backflow prevention device shall be located so that it may be serviced and maintained.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1105 5-204.13 CONDITIONING DEVICE; LOCATION.

A water filter, screen, or other water conditioning device installed on a water line shall be located to facilitate disassembly for periodic servicing and cleaning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1110 5-205.11 USING HANDWASHING LAVATORY.

A. A handwashing lavatory shall be maintained so that it is accessible at all times for employee use.

B. A handwashing lavatory shall not be used for purposes other than handwashing.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1115 5-205.12 PROHIBITING CROSS-CONNECTION.*

A. Except as allowed under Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, section 308.3, paragraph (d), for firefighting, a person shall not create a cross-connection by connecting a pipe or conduit between the drinking water system and a nondrinking water system or a water system of unknown quality.

B. The piping of a nondrinking water system shall be durably identified so that it is readily distinguishable from piping that carries drinking water.^N

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1120 5-205.13 SCHEDULING INSPECTION AND SERVICE FOR WATER TREATMENT DEVICE.

A. A water treatment device, other than a water softener, shall be scheduled for inspection and service according to the manufacturer's instructions and as necessary to prevent device failure based on local water conditions.

B. A backflow preventer shall be inspected, tested, and maintained according to chapter 4715.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1125 5-205.14 WATER RESERVOIR OF FOGGING DEVICES; CLEANING.*

A. A reservoir that is used to supply water to a produce fogger or similar device shall be:

(1) maintained according to the manufacturer's specifications; and

(2) cleaned according to the manufacturer's specifications or according to the procedures specified in item B, whichever is more stringent.

B. Cleaning procedures shall include at least the following steps and shall be conducted at least once a week:

(1) draining and complete disassembly of the water and aerosol contact parts;

(2) brush-cleaning the reservoir, aerosol tubing, and discharge nozzles with a suitable detergent solution;

(3) flushing the complete system with water to remove the detergent solution and particulate accumulation; and

(4) rinsing by immersing, spraying, or swabbing the reservoir, aerosol tubing, and discharge nozzles with at least 50 mg/L hypochlorite solution.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1130 5-205.15 SYSTEM MAINTAINED IN GOOD REPAIR.*

A plumbing system shall be:

- A. repaired according to chapter 4715; and
- B. maintained in good repair.^N

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

WATER TANKS**4626.1135 5-301.11 APPROVED.**

A mobile water tank used to supply a food establishment, mobile food establishment water tank, or any appurtenances shall meet:

- A. the requirements specified in parts 4626.1135 to 4626.1175;
- B. the requirements specified in part 4626.0450, items A, B, D, and E; and
- C. the standards for water haulers specified in parts 4720.4000 to 4720.4400.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1140 5-302.16 HOSE; CONSTRUCTION AND IDENTIFICATION.

A hose used for conveying drinking water from a water tank shall have a smooth interior surface, shall be of food grade material, and, if not permanently attached, shall be clearly and durably identified as to its use.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1145 5-303.11 FILTER; COMPRESSED AIR.

A filter that does not pass oil or oil vapors shall be installed in the air supply line between the compressor and drinking water system when compressed air is used to pressurize the water tank system.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1150 5-303.12 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT OR DEVICE.

A cap and keeper chain, closed cabinet, closed storage tube, or other approved protective equipment or device shall be provided for a water inlet, outlet, and hose.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1155 5-303.13 MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT TANK INLET.

A mobile food establishment's water tank inlet shall be:

- A. 19.1 millimeters (three-fourths inch) in inner diameter or less; and
- B. provided with a hose connection of a size or type that will prevent its use for any other service.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1160 5-304.11 SYSTEM FLUSHING AND DISINFECTION.*

A water tank, pump, and hose shall be flushed and sanitized before being placed in service after construction, repair, modification, and periods of nonuse.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.1165 5-304.12 USING PUMP AND HOSE; BACKFLOW PREVENTION.

A person shall operate a water tank, pump, and hose so that backflow and other contamination of the water supply are prevented.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1170 5-304.13 PROTECTING INLET, OUTLET, AND HOSE FITTING.

If not in use, a water tank and hose inlet and outlet fitting shall be protected as specified in part 4626.1150.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1175 5-304.14 TANK, PUMP, AND HOSE; DEDICATION.

A. Except as specified in item B, a water tank, pump, or hose used for conveying drinking water shall be used for no other purpose.

B. A water tank, pump, or hose approved for liquid foods may be used for conveying drinking water if it is cleaned and sanitized after each use.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

SEWAGE

4626.1180 5-401.11 CAPACITY AND DRAINAGE.

A sewage holding tank in a mobile food establishment shall be:

A. sized 15 percent larger in capacity than the water supply tank; and

B. sloped to a drain that is 25 millimeters (one inch) in inner diameter or greater, equipped with a shut-off valve.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1185 5-402.11 ESTABLISHMENT DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

Food establishment drainage systems, including grease traps, that convey sewage shall be sized and installed as specified in part 4626.1045, item A.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1190 5-402.12 BACKFLOW PREVENTION.*

A. Except as specified in items B and C, a direct connection shall not exist between the sewage system and a drain originating from equipment in which food, portable equipment, or utensils are placed.

B. If allowed by chapter 4715, a warewashing machine may have a direct connection between its waste outlet and a floor drain when the machine is located within 1.5 meters (five feet) of a trapped floor drain and the machine outlet is connected to the inlet side of a properly vented floor drain trap.

C. If allowed by chapter 4715, a warewashing or culinary sink may have a direct connection.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1195 5-402.13 GREASE TRAP.

If used, a grease trap shall be located to be easily accessible for cleaning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.1200 5-402.14 CONVEYING SEWAGE.*

Sewage shall be conveyed to the point of disposal through an approved sanitary sewage system or other system, including use of sewage transport vehicles, waste retention tanks, pumps, pipes, hoses, and connections that are constructed, maintained, and operated according to chapter 7080 and Minnesota Statutes, section 115.55.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1205 5-402.15 REMOVING MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT WASTES.

Sewage and other liquid wastes shall be removed from a mobile food establishment at an approved waste servicing area or by a sewage transport vehicle in such a way that a public health hazard or nuisance is not created.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1210 5-402.16 FLUSHING WASTE RETENTION TANK.

A tank for liquid waste retention shall be thoroughly flushed and drained in a sanitary manner during the servicing operation.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1215 5-403.11 APPROVED SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM.*

Sewage shall be disposed through an approved facility that is:

A. a public sewage treatment plant; or

B. an individual sewage disposal system that is sized, constructed, maintained, and operated according to chapter 7080.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1220 5-403.12 OTHER LIQUID WASTES AND RAINWATER.

Condensate drainage and other nonsewage liquids and rainwater shall be drained from point of discharge to disposal according to chapter 7080.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

REFUSE AND RECYCLABLES

4626.1225 5-501.10 INDOOR STORAGE AREA.

If located within the food establishment, a storage area for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall meet the requirements specified in parts 4626.1325, 4626.1335, 4626.1370, 4626.1395, and 4626.1400.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1230 5-501.11 OUTDOOR STORAGE SURFACE.

An outdoor storage surface for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be constructed of concrete, asphalt, or other nonabsorbent material and shall be smooth, durable, and sloped to drain.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1235 5-501.12 OUTDOOR ENCLOSURE.

If used, an outdoor enclosure for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be constructed of durable and cleanable materials.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1240 5-501.13 RECEPTACLES.

A. Except as specified in item B, receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables and for use with materials containing food residue shall be durable, cleanable, insect- and rodent-resistant, leakproof, and nonabsorbent.

B. Plastic bags and wet strength paper bags may be used to line receptacles for storage inside the food establishment or closed outside receptacles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1245 5-501.14 RECEPTACLES IN VENDING MACHINES.

A refuse receptacle shall not be located within a vending machine, except that a receptacle for beverage bottle crown closures may be located within a vending machine.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1250 5-501.15 OUTSIDE RECEPTACLES.

A. Receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables used with materials containing food residue and used outside the food establishment shall be designed and constructed to have tight-fitting lids, doors, or covers.

B. Receptacles and waste handling units for refuse and recyclables, including an on-site compactor, shall be installed so that accumulation of debris and insect and rodent attraction and harborage are minimized and effective cleaning is facilitated around and, if the equipment is not installed flush with the base pad, under the unit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1255 5-501.16 STORAGE AREAS, ROOMS, AND RECEPTACLES; CAPACITY AND AVAILABILITY.

A. An inside storage room and area, an outside storage area and enclosure, and receptacles shall be of sufficient capacity to hold refuse, recyclables, and returnables that accumulate.

B. A receptacle shall be provided in each area of the food establishment or premises where refuse is generated or commonly discarded or where recyclables or returnables are placed.

C. If disposable towels are used at handwashing lavatories, a waste receptacle shall be located at each lavatory or group of adjacent lavatories.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1260 5-501.17 TOILET ROOM RECEPTACLE; COVERED.

A toilet room shall be provided with a covered receptacle for sanitary napkins or diapers.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1265 5-501.18 CLEANING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

A. Except as specified in item B, suitable cleaning equipment and supplies, including high pressure pumps, hot water, steam, and detergent, shall be provided as necessary to effectively clean receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables.

B. If approved, off-premises-based cleaning services may be used if on-premises cleaning implements and supplies are not provided.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1270 5-501.19 STORAGE AREAS, REDEEMING MACHINES, EQUIPMENT, AND RECEPTACLES; LOCATION.

A. An area designated for refuse, recyclables, returnables, and, except as specified in item B, a redeeming machine for recyclables or returnables shall be located so that it is separate from food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles and a nuisance or a public health hazard is not created.

B. A redeeming machine may be located in the packaged food storage area or consumer area of a food establishment if food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles are not subject to contamination from the machine and a public health hazard or nuisance is not created.

C. The location of receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall not create a public health hazard or nuisance or interfere with the cleaning of adjacent space.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1275 5-501.110 STORING REFUSE, RECYCLABLES, AND RETURNABLES.

Refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be stored in receptacles or waste handling units so that they are inaccessible to insects and rodents.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1280 5-501.111 AREAS, ENCLOSURES, AND RECEPTACLES; GOOD REPAIR.

Storage areas, enclosures, and receptacles for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be maintained in good repair.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1285 5-501.112 OUTSIDE STORAGE PROHIBITIONS.

A. Except as specified in item B, refuse receptacles not meeting the requirements specified in part 4626.1240, item A, including receptacles that are not rodent-resistant, unprotected plastic bags and paper bags, and baled units that contain materials with food residue, shall not be stored outside.

B. Cardboard or other packaging material that does not contain food residue and that is awaiting regularly scheduled delivery to a recycling or disposal site may be stored outside without being in a covered receptacle if it is stored so that it does not create a rodent harborage problem.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1290 5-501.113 COVERING RECEPTACLES.

Receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be kept covered:

A. inside the food establishment:

(1) if the receptacles and units contain food residue and are not in continuous use; or

(2) after they are filled; and

B. with tight-fitting lids or doors if kept outside the food establishment.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1295 5-501.114 USING DRAIN PLUGS.

Drains in receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall have drain plugs in place.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1300 5-501.115 MAINTAINING REFUSE AREAS AND ENCLOSURES.

A storage area and enclosure for refuse, recyclables, or returnables shall be maintained clean and free of unnecessary items as specified in part 4626.1580.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1305 5-501.116 CLEANING RECEPTACLES.

A. Receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be thoroughly cleaned in a way that does not contaminate food, equipment, utensils, linens, or single-service and single-use articles, and wastewater shall be disposed of as specified in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

B. Soiled receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be cleaned at a frequency necessary to prevent them from developing a build-up of soil or becoming attractants for insects and rodents.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1310 5-502.11 FREQUENCY.

Refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be removed from the premises at a frequency that will minimize the development of objectionable odors and other conditions that attract or harbor insects and rodents.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1315 5-502.12 RECEPTACLES OR VEHICLES.

Refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be removed from the premises by way of:

A. portable receptacles that are constructed and maintained according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A; or

B. a transport vehicle that is constructed, maintained, and operated according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1320 5-503.11 COMMUNITY OR INDIVIDUAL FACILITY.

Solid waste not disposed of through the sewage system, including that disposed of with grinders and pulpers, shall be:

A. recycled or disposed of in an approved public or private community recycling or refuse facility; or

B. disposed of in a landfill, incinerator, or other individual refuse facility that is sized, constructed, maintained, and operated according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A, and section 473.803.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

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4626.1325 6-101.11 SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS; INDOOR AREAS.

A. Except as specified in item B, materials for indoor floor, wall, and ceiling surfaces under conditions of normal use shall be:

(1) smooth, durable, and easily cleanable for areas where food establishment operations are conducted;

(2) closely woven and easily cleanable carpet, where carpeting is permitted; and

(3) nonabsorbent for food preparation areas, walk-in refrigerators, warewashing areas, toilet rooms, mobile food establishment servicing areas, handwash areas, janitorial areas, laundry areas, interior garbage and refuse storage rooms, areas subject to flushing or spray cleaning methods, and other areas subject to moisture.

B. In a temporary food establishment, retail portable structure, special event food stand, or seasonal food stand:

(1) if graded to drain, a floor may be concrete, machine-laid asphalt, or dirt or gravel if it is covered with mats, removable platforms, duckboards, or other suitable materials approved by the regulatory authority that are effectively treated to control dust and mud; and

(2) food activities shall cease in adverse weather unless walls and ceilings are constructed of a material that protects the interior from the weather and wind-blown dust and debris.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1330 6-102.11 SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS; OUTDOOR AREAS.

A. Exterior walking and driving areas of a food establishment shall be surfaced with concrete, asphalt, gravel, or other materials that have been effectively treated to minimize dust, facilitate maintenance, and prevent muddy conditions.

B. Exterior surfaces of buildings and mobile food establishments shall be of weather-resistant materials and shall comply with law.

C. Outdoor storage areas for refuse, recyclables, or returnables shall be of materials specified in parts 4626.1230 and 4626.1235.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

PHYSICAL FACILITY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

4626.1335 6-201.11 FLOORS, WALLS, AND CEILINGS.

A. Except as specified in part 4626.1350, the floors, floor coverings, walls, wall coverings, and ceilings shall be designed, constructed, and installed so they are smooth and easily cleanable, except that antislip floor coverings or applications may be used for safety reasons.

B. Surfaces shall be maintained in good repair.

C. Vinyl flooring is prohibited in a walk-in cooler or freezer.

D. Sealed concrete is prohibited in those areas described in part 4626.1325, item A, subitem (3), if food product packages, containers, or cases in those areas are opened. Sealed concrete is permitted in areas used exclusively for refuse storage.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1340 6-201.12 FLOORS, WALLS, AND CEILINGS; UTILITY LINES.

A. Utility service lines and pipes shall not be unnecessarily exposed.

B. Exposed utility service lines and pipes shall be installed so they do not obstruct or prevent cleaning of the floors, walls, or ceilings.

C. Exposed utility service lines and pipes shall not be installed directly on the walls or floor, except:

(1) quick disconnect gas hoses approved by the American Gas Association or NSF International; and

(2) flexible cords and caps for commercial cooking equipment on casters, listed by Underwriter's Laboratory.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1345 6-201.13 FLOOR AND WALL JUNCTURES; COVED AND ENCLOSED OR SEALED.

A. In food establishments in which cleaning methods other than water flushing are used for cleaning floors, the floor and wall junctures shall be coved and closed to no larger than one millimeter (1/32 inch).

B. The floors in food establishments in which water flushing cleaning methods are used shall be provided with drains and graded to drain, and the floor and wall junctures shall be coved and sealed.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1350 6-201.14 FLOOR CARPETING; RESTRICTIONS AND INSTALLATION.

A. Carpeting or similar material shall not be installed as a floor covering in food preparation areas; walk-in refrigerators or freezers; warewashing areas; toilet room areas where handwashing lavatories, toilets, and urinals are located; refuse storage areas; wait stations; dressing rooms; locker rooms; janitorial areas; within three feet around permanently installed bars and salad bars, other food service equipment, and food storage rooms; or other areas subject to moisture, flushing, or spray cleaning methods.

B. If carpeting is installed as a floor covering in areas other than those specified in item A, it shall be:

(1) securely attached to the floor with a durable mastic, by using a stretch and tack method, or by another method; and

(2) installed tightly against the wall under the coving or installed away from the wall with a space between the carpet and the wall and with the edges of the carpet secured by metal stripping or some other means.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1355 6-201.15 FLOOR COVERING; MATS AND DUCKBOARDS.

A. Mats and duckboards shall be constructed of nonabsorbent, nonwood, grease-resistant materials.

B. Throw carpeting may be used at customer entrances.

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C. The size, design, and construction of the material shall facilitate easy cleaning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1360 6-201.16 WALL AND CEILING COVERINGS AND COATINGS.

A. Wall and ceiling covering materials shall be attached so that they are easily cleanable.

B. Except in areas used only for dry storage, concrete, porous blocks or bricks used for indoor wall construction shall be finished and sealed to provide a smooth, nonabsorbent, easily cleanable surface.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1365 6-201.17 WALLS AND CEILINGS; ATTACHMENTS.

A. Except as specified in item B, light fixtures, mechanical room ventilation system components, vent covers, wall mounted fans, decorative items, and other attachments to walls and ceilings shall be easily cleanable.

B. In a consumer area, wall and ceiling surfaces and decorative items and attachments that are provided for ambiance need not comply with item A if they are kept clean.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1370 6-201.18 WALLS AND CEILINGS; STUDS, JOISTS, AND RAFTERS.

Studs, joists, and rafters may be exposed only in areas used exclusively for the storage of food and single-use articles in unopened packages. This part does not apply to temporary food establishments.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1375 6-202.11 LIGHT BULBS; PROTECTIVE SHIELDING.

A. Except as specified in item B, light bulbs shall be shielded, coated, or otherwise shatter-resistant in areas where there is exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; or unwrapped single-service and single-use articles.

B. Shielded, coated, or otherwise shatter-resistant bulbs need not be used in areas used only for storing food in unopened packages, if:

(1) the integrity of the packages cannot be affected by broken glass falling onto them; and

(2) the packages are capable of being cleaned of debris from broken bulbs before the packages are opened.

C. An infrared or other heat lamp shall be protected against breakage by a shield surrounding and extending beyond the bulb so that only the face of the bulb is exposed.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1380 6-202.12 HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM VENTS.

Heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems shall be designed and installed so that make-up air intake and exhaust vents do not cause contamination of food, food

preparation surfaces, equipment, or utensils. Systems shall be installed according to chapter 1346.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1385 6-202.13 INSECT CONTROL DEVICES; DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.

A. Devices that are used to electrocute flying insects shall be designed to have escape-resistant trays.

B. Devices that are used to electrocute flying insects and that may impel insects or insect fragments or to trap insects by adherence shall be installed so that:

(1) the devices are not located over a food preparation area; and

(2) dead insects and insect fragments are prevented from being impelled onto or falling on exposed food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; and unwrapped single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1390 6-202.14 TOILET ROOMS; ENCLOSED.

A toilet room located on the premises shall be completely enclosed and provided with a tight-fitting and self-closing door except that this part does not apply to a toilet room that is located outside a food establishment and does not open directly into the food establishment, including a toilet room that is provided by the management of a shopping mall.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1395 6-202.15 OUTER OPENINGS; PROTECTED.

A. Except in temporary food establishments, openings to a portion of a building that is not part of the food establishment or to the outdoors shall be protected against the entry of insects and rodents by:

(1) filling or closing holes and other gaps along floors, walls, and ceilings;

(2) closed, tight-fitting windows; and

(3) solid self-closing, tight-fitting doors.

B. Except as specified in item C, if windows or doors are kept open for ventilation or other purposes, or the food operation is conducted in a temporary food establishment that is not provided with windows and solid doors, the openings shall be protected against the entry of insects and rodents by:

(1) 16 mesh to 25.4 millimeters (one inch) screens;

(2) properly designed and installed air curtains; or

(3) other effective means.

C. Item B does not apply if flying insects and other pests are absent due to the location of the establishment, the weather, or other limiting condition.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1400 6-202.16 EXTERIOR WALLS AND ROOFS; PROTECTIVE BARRIER.

Perimeter walls and roofs of a food establishment shall effectively protect the establishment from the weather and the entry of insects, rodents, and other animals.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

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4626.1405 6-202.17 OUTDOOR FOOD VENDING AREAS; OVERHEAD PROTECTION.

If located outside, a machine used to vend food shall be provided with overhead protection except that machines vending canned beverages need not comply with this part.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1410 6-202.18 OUTDOOR SERVICING AREAS; OVERHEAD PROTECTION.

Servicing areas shall be provided with overhead protection except that areas used only for loading water or discharging sewage and other liquid waste, through the use of a closed system of hoses, need not be provided with overhead protection.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1415 6-202.19 OUTDOOR WALKING AND DRIVING SURFACES; GRADED TO DRAIN.

The exterior walking and driving surfaces of the food establishment shall be graded to drain.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1420 6-202.110 OUTDOOR REFUSE AREAS; CURBED AND GRADED TO DRAIN.

Outdoor refuse areas shall be constructed according to law and shall be curbed and graded to drain to collect and dispose of liquid waste that results from refuse and from cleaning the area and waste receptacles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1425 6-202.111 PRIVATE HOMES AND LIVING OR SLEEPING QUARTERS; USE PROHIBITION.

A private home, a room used as living or sleeping quarters, or an area directly opening into a room used as living or sleeping quarters shall not be used for conducting food establishment operations.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1430 6-202.112 LIVING OR SLEEPING QUARTERS; SEPARATION.

Living or sleeping quarters located on the premises of a food establishment, including those provided for lodging registration clerks or resident managers, shall be separated from rooms and areas used for food establishment operations by complete partitioning and solid self-closing doors.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

PHYSICAL FACILITY NUMBERS AND CAPACITIES

4626.1435 6-301.10 MINIMUM NUMBER.

Handwashing lavatories shall be provided as specified in part 4626.1070.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1440 6-301.11 HANDWASHING CLEANSER AND NAILBRUSH; AVAILABILITY.

Each handwashing lavatory or group of two adjacent lavatories shall have available:

- A. a supply of hand cleaning liquid, powder, or bar soap; and
- B. a nailbrush at the handwashing lavatory used by employees.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1445 6-301.12 HAND DRYING PROVISION.

Each handwashing lavatory or group of adjacent lavatories shall be provided with:

- A. individual, disposable towels;
- B. a continuous towel system that supplies the user with a clean towel; or
- C. a heated-air hand drying device except that a heated-air hand drying device shall not be the only device provided at a sink used by food employees in a food preparation or warewashing area.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1450 6-301.13 DISPOSABLE TOWELS; WASTE RECEPTACLE.

A waste receptacle shall be provided as specified in part 4626.1255, item B, for each handwashing lavatory or group of adjacent lavatories that is provided with individual, disposable towels specified in part 4626.1445, item A.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1455 6-301.14 HANDWASHING AIDS AND DEVICES; USE RESTRICTIONS.

A sink used for food preparation or utensil washing, or a service sink or curbed cleaning facility used for the disposal of mop water or similar wastes, shall not be provided with the handwashing aids and devices required for a handwashing lavatory specified in parts 4626.1440 to 4626.1450.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1460 6-302.10 TOILETS AND URINALS; MINIMUM NUMBER.

Toilets and urinals shall be provided as specified in part 4626.1075.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1465 6-302.11 TOILET TISSUE; AVAILABILITY.

A supply of toilet tissue shall be available at each toilet.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1470 6-303.11 LIGHTING INTENSITY.

The light intensity shall be:

- A. at least 110 lux (ten foot candles) at a distance of 75 cm (30 inches) above the floor, in walk-in refrigeration units and dry food storage areas, and in other areas and rooms during periods of cleaning;

B. at least 220 lux (20 foot candles):

(1) at a surface where food is provided for consumer self-service, including buffets and salad bars, or where fresh produce or packaged foods are sold or offered for consumption;

(2) inside equipment including reach-in and under-counter refrigerators;

(3) at a distance of 75 cm (30 inches) above the floor in areas used for equipment and utensil storage and in toilet rooms; and

(4) for areas behind a bar exempt under item C; and

C. at least 540 lux (50 foot candles) at a surface where a food employee is working with food or working with utensils or equipment, including knives, slicers, grinders, or saws, where employee safety is a factor and in areas used for warewashing other than the area behind a bar.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1475 6-304.11 MECHANICAL.

A. All rooms shall have sufficient tempered make-up air and exhaust ventilation to keep them free of excessive heat, steam, condensation, vapors, obnoxious or disagreeable odors, smoke, and fumes.

B. All ventilation systems, furnaces, gas- or oil-fired room heaters, and water heaters shall be designed, installed, and operated according to chapters 1305, 1346, and 7510.

C. All ventilation systems shall be operated as designed while the ventilated equipment is in use.

D. Ventilation systems equipped with filters shall not be operated with the filters removed.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1480 6-305.11 DRESSING ROOMS AND LOCKERS; DESIGNATION.

A. Dressing rooms or dressing areas shall be designated if employees routinely change clothes in the establishment.

B. Lockers or other suitable facilities shall be provided for the orderly storage of employees' clothing and other possessions.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1485 6-306.10 SERVICE SINK; AVAILABILITY.

A service sink or curbed cleaning facility shall be provided as specified in part 4626.1080.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

PHYSICAL FACILITY PLACEMENT

4626.1490 6-401.10 HANDWASHING LAVATORIES; CONVENIENTLY LOCATED.

Handwashing lavatories shall be conveniently located as specified in part 4626.1095.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1495 6-402.11 TOILET ROOMS; CONVENIENCE AND ACCESSIBILITY.

Toilet rooms shall be conveniently located and accessible to employees during all hours of operation.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1500 6-403.11 DESIGNATED AREAS.

A. Areas designated for employees to eat, drink, and use tobacco shall be located so that food, equipment, linens, and single-service and single-use articles are protected from contamination.

B. Lockers or other suitable facilities shall be located in a designated room or area where contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles cannot occur.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1505 6-404.11 SEGREGATION AND LOCATION.

Products that are held by the licensee for credit, redemption, or return to the distributor, including damaged, spoiled, or recalled products, shall be segregated and held in designated areas that are separated from food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1510 6-405.10 EQUIPMENT, RECEPTACLES, AND DESIGNATED STORAGE AREA.

Equipment, receptacles, and areas designated for storage of refuse and recyclable and returnable containers shall be located as specified in part 4626.1270.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

PHYSICAL FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

4626.1515 6-501.11 REPAIRING.

The physical facilities shall be maintained in good repair.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1520 6-501.12 CLEANING; FREQUENCY AND RESTRICTIONS.

A. The physical facilities shall be cleaned as often as necessary to keep them clean.

B. Cleaning shall be done after closing or during other periods when the least amount of food is exposed. This item does not apply to cleaning that is necessary due to a spill or other accident.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1525 6-501.13 CLEANING FLOORS; DUSTLESS METHODS.

A. Except as specified in item B, only wet cleaning, vacuum cleaning, mopping with treated dust mops, sweeping using a broom and dust-arresting compounds, or other dustless methods of cleaning shall be used to clean floors.

B. Spills or drippage on floors that occur between normal floor cleaning times may be cleaned:

(1) without the use of dust-arresting compounds; and

(2) in the case of liquid spills or drippage, with the use of a small amount of sawdust, diatomaceous earth, or other absorbent compound applied immediately before spot cleaning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

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4626.1530 6-501.14 CLEANING VENTILATION SYSTEMS; NUISANCE AND DISCHARGE PROHIBITION.

A. Intake and exhaust air ducts shall be cleaned and filters changed so they are not a source of contamination by dust, dirt, and other materials.

B. If vented to the outside, ventilation systems shall not create a public health hazard or nuisance or unlawful discharge.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1535 6-501.15 CLEANING MAINTENANCE TOOLS; PREVENTING CONTAMINATION.

Food preparation sinks, handwashing lavatories, and warewashing equipment shall not be used to clean maintenance tools, to prepare or hold maintenance materials, or to dispose of mop water and similar liquid wastes.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1540 6-501.16 DRYING MOPS.

After use, mops shall be placed in a position that allows them to air-dry without soiling walls, equipment, or supplies.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1545 6-501.17 ABSORBENT MATERIALS ON FLOORS; USE LIMITATION.

Except as specified in part 4626.1525, item B, sawdust, wood shavings, granular salt, baked clay, diatomaceous earth, or similar absorbent materials shall not be used on floors.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1550 6-501.18 MAINTAINING AND USING HANDWASHING LAVATORIES.

Handwashing lavatories shall be kept clean and maintained and used as specified in part 4626.1110.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1555 6-501.19 CLOSING TOILET ROOM DOORS.

Toilet room doors specified in part 4626.1390 shall be kept closed except during cleaning and maintenance operations.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1560 6-501.110 USING DRESSING ROOMS AND LOCKERS.

A. Dressing rooms shall be used by employees if the employees regularly change clothes in the establishment.

B. Lockers or other suitable facilities shall be used for the orderly storage of employee clothing and other possessions.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1565 6-501.111 CONTROLLING PESTS.*

The presence of insects, rodents, and other pests shall be controlled to minimize their presence on the premises by:

- A. routinely inspecting incoming shipments of food and supplies;^N
- B. routinely inspecting the premises for evidence of pests;^N
- C. if pests are found, using trapping devices or other means of pest control specified in parts 4626.1610, 4626.1650, and 4626.1655; and
- D. eliminating harborage conditions.^N

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1570 6-501.112 REMOVING DEAD OR TRAPPED PESTS.

Dead or trapped birds, insects, rodents, and other pests shall be removed from control devices and the premises at a frequency that prevents accumulation, decomposition, or attraction of pests.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1575 6-501.113 STORING MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.

Brooms, mops, vacuum cleaners, and similar maintenance tools shall be:

- A. stored so they do not contaminate food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles; and
- B. stored in an orderly manner that facilitates cleaning the area used for storing maintenance tools.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1580 6-501.114 MAINTAINING PREMISES; UNNECESSARY ITEMS AND LITTER.

The food establishment premises shall be free of:

- A. items that are unnecessary to the operation or maintenance of the establishment, including equipment that is nonfunctional or no longer used; and
- B. litter.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1585 6-501.115 PROHIBITING ANIMALS.*

A. Except as specified in items B and C, live animals shall not be allowed on the premises of a food establishment.

B. Live animals may be allowed in the following situations if the contamination of food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; and unwrapped single-service and single-use articles cannot result:

(1) edible fish or decorative fish in aquariums, shellfish or crustacea on ice or under refrigeration, and shellfish or crustacea in display tank systems;

(2) patrol dogs accompanying police or security officers in offices and dining, sales, and storage areas, and sentry dogs running loose in outside fenced areas;

(3) in areas that are not used for food preparation, including dining and sales areas, support animals that are trained to assist an employee or other person who is handicapped, are controlled by the handicapped employee or person, and are not allowed on seats or tables; and

(4) pets in the common dining areas of group residences at times other than during meals if:

(a) effective partitioning and self-closing doors separate the common dining areas from food storage or food preparation areas;

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(b) condiments, equipment, and utensils are stored in enclosed cabinets or removed from the common dining areas when pets are present; and

(c) dining areas including tables, countertops, and similar surfaces are effectively cleaned before the next meal service.

C. Live or dead bait may be allowed if separately stored so that contamination of food; food preparation areas; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; and unwrapped single-use articles cannot result.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

TOXIC LABELING

4626.1590 7-101.11 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION; PROMINENCE.*

Containers of poisonous or toxic materials and personal care items shall bear a legible manufacturer's label.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1595 7-102.11 COMMON NAME.*

Working containers used for storing cleaners, sanitizers, and other poisonous or toxic materials taken from bulk supplies shall be clearly and individually identified with the common name of the material.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

TOXIC SUPPLIES AND APPLICATIONS

4626.1600 7-201.11 SEPARATION.*

Poisonous or toxic materials shall be stored so they cannot contaminate food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles by:

A. separating the poisonous or toxic materials by spacing or partitioning; and

B. locating the poisonous or toxic materials in an area that is not above food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service or single-use articles. This item does not apply to equipment and utensil cleaners and sanitizers that are stored in warewashing areas for availability and convenience if the materials are stored to prevent contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1605 7-202.11 RESTRICTION.

A. Only those poisonous or toxic materials that are required for the operation and maintenance of a food establishment, including those for cleaning and sanitizing equipment and utensils and controlling insects and rodents, shall be allowed in a food establishment.

B. Item A does not apply to packaged poisonous or toxic materials that are for retail sale.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1610 7-202.12 CONDITIONS OF USE.*

Poisonous or toxic materials shall be:

A. used according to:

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(1) Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18B, and section 31.101, subdivision 3;

(2) the manufacturer's use directions included in labeling and, for a pesticide, the manufacturer's label instructions that state that use is allowed in a food establishment;

(3) the conditions of certification for use of pest control materials as required in chapter 1505 and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18B;

B. applied so that:

(1) a hazard to employees or other persons is not constituted as prescribed on the label; and

(2) contamination, including toxic residues due to drip, drain, fog, splash, or spray on food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles, is prevented. For a restricted use pesticide, this is achieved by:

(a) removing the items;

(b) covering the items with impermeable covers; or

(c) cleaning and sanitizing equipment and utensils after the application; and

C. for restricted-use pesticide, applied only by a certified applicator as defined in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, United States Code, title 7, section 136, paragraph (e), and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18B.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1615 7-203.11 POISONOUS OR TOXIC MATERIAL CONTAINERS.*

A container previously used to store poisonous or toxic materials shall not be used to store, transport, or dispense food.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1620 7-204.11 SANITIZERS; CRITERIA.*

Chemical sanitizers and other chemical antimicrobials applied to food-contact surfaces shall meet the requirements specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 178.1010.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1625 7-204.12 CHEMICALS FOR WASHING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES; CRITERIA.*

Chemicals used to wash or peel raw, whole fruits and vegetables shall meet the requirements specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 173.315.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1630 7-204.13 BOILER WATER ADDITIVES; CRITERIA.*

Chemicals used as boiler water additives shall meet the requirements specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 173.310.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1635 7-204.14 DRYING AGENTS; CRITERIA.*

Drying agents used in conjunction with sanitization shall not conflict with Minnesota Statutes, section 31.101, subdivision 8.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1640 7-205.11 INCIDENTAL FOOD CONTACT; CRITERIA.*

Lubricants shall meet the requirements specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 21, section 178.3570, if they are used on food-contact surfaces, on bearings and gears located on or within food-contact surfaces, or on bearings and gears that are located so that lubricants may leak, drip, or be forced into food or onto food-contact surfaces.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1645 7-206.11 RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDES; CRITERIA.*

Restricted use pesticides specified in part 4626.1610, item C, shall meet the requirements specified in Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, section 152.1.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1650 7-206.12 RODENT BAIT STATIONS.*

Rodent bait shall be contained in a covered, tamper-resistant bait station.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1655 7-206.13 TRACKING POWDERS; PEST CONTROL AND MONITORING.*

A. A tracking powder pesticide shall not be used in a food establishment.

B. If used, talcum, flour, or another nontoxic tracking powder shall not contaminate food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles.^N

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1660 7-207.11 RESTRICTION AND STORAGE.*

A. Only those medicines that are necessary for the health of employees shall be allowed in a food establishment. This part does not apply to medicines that are stored or displayed for retail sale.

B. Medicine that requires refrigeration or storage and belongs to employees, individuals in a day care setting, or residents of a board and lodging facility shall be labeled as specified in part 4626.1590 and located to prevent the contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1665 7-207.12 REFRIGERATED MEDICINES; STORAGE.*

Medicines belonging to employees or children in a day care center that require refrigeration and are stored in a food refrigerator shall be:

A. stored in a package or container and kept inside a covered, leakproof container that is identified as a container for the storage of medicines; and

B. located so they are inaccessible to children.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1670 7-208.11 STORAGE.*

First aid supplies that are in a food establishment for employee use shall be:

A. labeled as specified in part 4626.1590; and

B. stored in a kit or container that is located to prevent the contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1675 7-209.11 PERSONAL CARE ITEMS; STORAGE.

Except as specified in parts 4626.1665 and 4626.1670, employees shall store personal care items as specified in part 4626.1560, item B.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

TOXIC RETAIL SALE

4626.1680 7-301.11 POISONOUS OR TOXIC MATERIALS; SEPARATION.*

Poisonous or toxic materials shall be stored and displayed for retail sale so they cannot contaminate food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles by:

A. separating the poisonous or toxic materials by spacing or partitioning; and

B. locating the poisonous or toxic materials in an area that is not above food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service or single-use articles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

CODE APPLICABILITY

4626.1685 8-101.10 PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION.

A. The regulatory authority shall apply the Code to promote its underlying purposes of safeguarding public health and ensuring that food is not adulterated, misbranded, or falsely advertised when offered to the consumer.

B. In enforcing the Code, the regulatory authority shall assess existing facilities or equipment that were in use before September 8, 1998, based on the following considerations:

(1) whether the facilities or equipment are in good repair and capable of being maintained in a sanitary condition;

(2) whether food-contact surfaces comply with parts 4626.0450 to 4626.0495; and

(3) whether the capacities of cooling, heating, and holding equipment are sufficient to comply with part 4626.0675.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1690 8-103.10 VARIANCE REQUEST; PROCEDURES.*

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 4, a party may ask the regulatory authority to grant a variance from the provisions of the Code according to parts 4626.1690 to 4626.1715.

A. A variance shall not be requested nor shall one be granted from:

(1) part 4626.0020, subpart 35;

(2) parts 4626.0040 to 4626.0060;

(3) parts 4626.0065 to 4626.0100;

(4) parts 4626.0105 to 4626.0120;

(5) part 4626.1565;

(6) parts 4626.1590 and 4626.1595; and

(7) parts 4626.1600 to 4626.1675.

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B. The applicant for a variance shall be the party to whom the rule applies.

C. The party requesting the variance shall submit the request in writing to the regulatory authority with the appropriate fee, if required. A request shall contain:

- (1) the specified language in the rule or rules from which the variance is requested;
- (2) the reasons why the rule cannot be met;
- (3) the alternative measures that will be taken to ensure a comparable degree of protection to health or the environment if a variance is granted;
- (4) the length of time for which the variance is requested;
- (5) a statement that the party applying for the variance will comply with the terms of the variance, if granted; and
- (6) other relevant information the regulatory authority determines necessary to properly evaluate the request for the variance.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1695 CRITERIA FOR DECISION.*

The regulatory authority may grant a variance if:

- A. the variance was requested in the manner prescribed in part 4626.1690;
- B. the variance will have no potential adverse effect on public health, safety, or the environment;
- C. the alternative measures to be taken, if any, are equivalent to or superior to those prescribed;
- D. strict compliance with the rule will impose an undue burden on the applicant;
- E. the variance does not vary a statutory standard or preempt federal law or rule; and
- F. the variance has only future effect.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1700 8-103.12 CONDITIONS; HACCP; NOTIFICATION OF DECISION.*

A. In granting a variance, the regulatory authority may attach conditions that the regulatory authority determines are needed to protect the public health, safety, or the environment.

B. If a HACCP plan is required to verify that the variance provides protection to the public health, safety, and environment that is equivalent to or superior to those prescribed in rule or law, the licensee shall:

- (1) comply with the HACCP plan and procedures submitted and approved as the basis for the variance; and
- (2) maintain and provide to the regulatory authority, on request, the records specified in part 4626.1735, item A, subitems (3) and (4), that demonstrate that the following are routinely employed:
 - (a) procedures for monitoring critical control points;
 - (b) monitoring of the critical control points;
 - (c) verification of the effectiveness of an operation or process; and
 - (d) necessary corrective actions if there is failure at a critical control point.

C. The regulatory authority shall notify the party in writing of the regulatory authority's decision to grant or deny the variance.

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(1) If a variance is granted, the notification shall specify the period of time for which the variance shall be effective and the alternative measures or conditions, if any, the applicant shall meet.

(2) If a variance is denied, the regulatory authority shall specify the reasons for the denial.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1705 8-103.13 EFFECT OF ALTERNATIVE MEASURES OR CONDITIONS.

A. Alternative measures or conditions attached to a variance have the force and effect of law.

B. If a party violates alternative measures or conditions attached to a variance, the party is subject to the enforcement actions and penalties provided in law or rule.

C. A party to whom a variance has been issued shall notify the regulatory authority in writing within 30 days of a material change in the conditions upon which the variance was granted.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1710 RENEWAL OF VARIANCE.*

A. A request for the renewal of a variance shall be submitted to the regulatory authority in writing 30 days before its expiration date.

B. Renewal requests shall contain the information specified in part 4626.1690.

C. The regulatory authority shall renew a variance if the party continues to satisfy the criteria specified in part 4626.1695 and demonstrates compliance with the alternative measures or conditions imposed at the time the original variance was approved.

D. This part does not apply if there has been a material change in the conditions upon which the variance was granted.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1715 DENIAL, REVOCATION, OR REFUSAL TO RENEW; APPEALS.

A. The regulatory authority shall deny, revoke, or refuse to renew a variance if the regulatory authority determines that the criteria in part 4626.1695 or the conditions in part 4626.1700 are not met.

B. A party may appeal the denial, revocation, or refusal to renew a variance by requesting, in writing, a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, within 30 days of receipt of the notice of denial, revocation, or refusal to renew the variance.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

PLAN SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL

4626.1720 8-201.11 REVIEW OF PLANS.

A. A license applicant or licensee shall submit properly prepared plans and specifications and the required plan review fee, to the regulatory authority for plan review and approval before beginning:

(1) the construction of a food establishment;

(2) the conversion of an existing structure for use as a food establishment; or

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(3) the extensive remodeling of a food establishment or a change of type of food establishment or food operation if the regulatory authority determines that plans and specifications are necessary to ensure compliance with the Code.

B. Plans, specifications, an application form, and the fee specified in part 1547.0110, subpart 2, and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 31 or 157, shall be submitted to the regulatory authority at least 30 days before beginning construction, extensive remodeling, or conversion of a food establishment.

C. Special event food stands and retail food vehicles, portable structures, or carts are exempt from the requirement to submit plans and specifications.

D. The regulatory authority shall approve the completed plans and specifications if they meet the requirements of the Code, and the regulatory authority shall report its findings to the license applicant or licensee within 30 days of the date the completed plans are received.

E. Plans and specifications that are not approved as submitted shall be changed to comply or be deleted from the project.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1721 [Renumbered 1560.9000]

4626.1725 8-201.12 CONTENTS OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

A. The plans and specifications for a food establishment shall include:

- (1) the intended menu;
- (2) the anticipated volume of food to be stored, prepared, and sold or served;
- (3) the proposed layout, mechanical schematics, construction materials, and finish schedules;
- (4) the proposed equipment types, manufacturers, model numbers, locations, dimensions, performance capacities, and installation specifications;
- (5) a complete set of elevations and drawings for all custom fabricated equipment;
- (6) a functional flow plan indicating how food will be handled; and
- (7) other information that may be required by the regulatory authority for the proper review of the proposed construction, conversion, or modification.

B. Used equipment shall be equivalent to the standards specified in parts 4626.0450 to 4626.0975 and approved by the regulatory authority before use.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.1730 8-201.13 WHEN A HACCP PLAN IS REQUIRED.

Subpart 1. **Types of activities that require a HACCP plan.** The following activities require a license applicant or licensee to prepare a HACCP plan:

- A. cooking raw animal foods under part 4626.0340, item C, subitem (2);
- B. specialized processing under part 4626.0415;
- C. operating and maintaining molluscan shellfish tanks under part 4626.0610, item B;
- D. removing tags or labels from shellstock under part 4626.0220, item B, subitem (2); and
- E. reduced oxygen packaging under part 4626.0420.

Subp. 2. Timing of HACCP plan requirements.

A. As of January 26, 2000, food establishments engaged in activities requiring a HACCP plan under subpart 1 must have a HACCP plan available on-site for review and verification by the regulatory authority.

B. For new food establishments or those extensively remodeled after July 1, 1999, a HACCP plan shall be submitted to the regulatory authority before the start of operation for approval in conjunction with the plan review required in part 4626.1720.

Subp. 3. **Compliance with HACCP plan.** A licensee shall:

A. comply with a properly prepared and approved, if applicable under subpart 2, item B, HACCP plan; and

B. maintain and provide to the regulatory authority, on request, the records specified in part 4626.1735, item A, subitems (3) and (4), that demonstrate that the following are routinely employed:

- (1) procedures for monitoring critical control points;
- (2) monitoring of the critical control points;
- (3) verification of the effectiveness of an operation or process; and
- (4) necessary corrective actions if there is failure at a critical control

point.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1735 8-201.14 CONTENTS OF HACCP PLAN.

A. For a food establishment that is required in part 4626.1730, subpart 1, items A to D, to have a HACCP plan, the plan and specifications shall include:

(1) a categorization of the types of potentially hazardous foods that are specified in the menu, including soups and sauces, salads, meat roasts or other bulk, solid foods, or other foods that are specified by the regulatory authority;

(2) a flow diagram by specific food or category type identifying critical control points and providing information on the following:

(a) ingredients, materials, and equipment used in the preparation of a food; and

(b) formulations or recipes that delineate methods and procedural control measures that address the food safety concerns involved;

(3) a statement of standard operating procedures for the plan under consideration including clearly identifying:

(a) each critical control point;

(b) the critical limits for each critical control point;

(c) the method and frequency for monitoring and controlling each critical control point by the food employee designated by the person in charge;

(d) the method and frequency for the person in charge to routinely verify that the food employee is following standard operating procedures and monitoring critical control points;

(e) action to be taken by the person in charge if the critical limits for each critical control point are not met; and

(f) records to be maintained by the person in charge to demonstrate that the HACCP plan is properly operated and managed; and

(4) additional scientific data or other information, as required by the regulatory authority, supporting the determination that food safety is not compromised by the proposal.

B. For a food establishment that is required in part 4626.1730, subpart 1, item E, to have a HACCP plan, the plan must be prepared as specified under part 4626.0420.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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4626.1740 8-202.10 TRADE SECRETS.

The regulatory authority shall treat as confidential, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 31.02, clause (l), information that meets the criteria in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325C, for a trade secret and is contained in the plans and specifications submitted as specified in parts 4626.1725 and 4626.1735.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1745 8-203.10 PREOPERATIONAL INSPECTIONS.

The regulatory authority shall conduct one or more preoperational inspections to verify that the food establishment is constructed and equipped according to the approved plans and approved modifications of the plans and is in compliance with the Code and other applicable law.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1750 NOTICE OF OPENING.

The food establishment shall provide notice of opening to the regulatory authority at least 14 calendar days before the opening date.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

LICENSE TO OPERATE

4626.1755 8-301.11 PREREQUISITE FOR OPERATION.

A person shall not operate a food establishment without a valid license to operate issued by the regulatory authority.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1760 8-302.11 APPLICATION.

An applicant shall submit an application for a license for a food establishment according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 28A or 157.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1765 8-302.12 FORM OF SUBMISSION.

A person desiring to operate a food establishment shall submit to the regulatory authority a written application for a license on a form provided by the regulatory authority.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1770 8-302.13 QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPLICANTS.

To qualify for a license, an applicant shall:

- A. be an owner of the establishment or an officer of the legal ownership;
- B. comply with the requirements of the Code; and
- C. pay the applicable license fees at the time the application is submitted.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1775 8-302.14 CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.

The application shall be on a form prescribed by the regulatory authority that seeks only information the regulatory authority reasonably considers necessary to identify the applicant and determine if the applicant meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for a license.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1780 8-304.20 LICENSE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

A. A license for a food establishment is not transferable.

B. The discontinuance of an operation by the licensee at the address covered by the license voids the license.

C. A void license shall be surrendered to the regulatory authority immediately by anyone in possession of it.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

INSPECTION AND CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS

4626.1785 8-401.10 INSPECTION.

The regulatory authority shall inspect a food establishment according to:

A. Minnesota Statutes, chapters 28A, 30, 31, and 31A, for food establishments regulated by the Department of Agriculture;

B. Minnesota Statutes, chapter 157, for establishments regulated by the Department of Health; and

C. rules adopted under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 28A, 30, 31, 31A, and 157.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1790 8-402.11 ALLOWED AT REASONABLE TIMES AFTER DUE NOTICE.

After the regulatory authority presents official credentials and provides notice of the purpose of and an intent to conduct an inspection, the person in charge shall allow the regulatory authority to determine if the food establishment is in compliance with the Code by allowing access to the establishment, allowing inspection, and providing information and records specified in the Code and to which the regulatory authority is entitled according to law, during the food establishment's hours of operation and other reasonable times.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1795 8-404.11 EMERGENCY REPORTING.

A licensee shall notify the regulatory authority immediately if an imminent health hazard may exist because of a fire, flood, extended interruption of electrical or water service, sewage backup, misuse of poisonous or toxic materials, onset of an apparent foodborne illness outbreak, or other emergency circumstance that may endanger public health.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1800 FOOD SAMPLES.

The regulatory authority may collect, without cost, and examine samples of food as often as necessary for enforcement of the Code.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

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4626.1805 EMBARGO.

A. The regulatory authority may embargo and forbid the sale of, or cause to be removed or destroyed, any food that is:

- (1) unwholesome or adulterated;
- (2) prepared, processed, handled, packaged, transported, or stored in an unwholesome manner;
- (3) unfit for human consumption; or
- (4) otherwise prohibited by law.

B. Equipment and utensils that do not meet the requirements of the Code may be embargoed.

C. The regulatory authority may release equipment and utensils from an embargo when the licensee notifies the regulatory authority that the equipment or utensils have been modified to meet the requirements of the Code and after inspection of the equipment and utensils by the regulatory authority.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1810 CONDEMNATION.

The regulatory authority may condemn and cause to be removed any food, equipment, clothing, or utensils found in a food establishment, the use of which does not comply with the Code or that is being used in violation of the Code, and may also condemn and cause to be removed any equipment, clothing, or utensils that because of dirt, filth, extraneous matter, insects, corrosion, open seams, or chipped or cracked surfaces are unfit for use.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1815 TAG.

The regulatory authority may place a tag to indicate the embargo or the condemnation on food, equipment, utensils, or clothing. No person shall remove the tag except under the direction of the regulatory authority.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

MISCELLANEOUS HEALTH AND SAFETY

4626.1820 MINNESOTA CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT.

A food establishment shall meet the requirements of the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, Minnesota Statutes, sections 144.411 to 144.417, and rules adopted under those sections.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1825 EMERGENCY FIRST AID FOR CHOKING.

A food establishment where food is consumed on the premises, except a temporary food establishment, food cart, retail food vehicle, portable structure, and special event food stand, shall post a chart illustrating the use of an emergency first aid procedure approved by the regulatory authority to relieve a customer with a restricted airway. The illustration shall be posted in the food preparation area where all employees may easily see it.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

TEMPORARY AND PORTABLE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**4626.1830 APPLICABILITY.**

The Code applies to food carts, mass gatherings, retail food vehicles, portable structures or carts, special event food stands, and temporary food establishments as qualified in parts 4626.1835 to 4626.1870.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1835 GENERAL EXEMPTIONS.

A food cart, retail food vehicle, portable structure or cart, special event food stand, or temporary food establishment is exempt from compliance with:

- A. part 4626.1075;
- B. part 4626.1080;
- C. part 4626.1435;
- D. part 4626.1460;
- E. part 4626.1480, item A;
- F. part 4626.1485; and
- G. part 4626.1560, item A.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1840 MASS GATHERING EXEMPTIONS.

Food establishments at a mass gathering are exempt from compliance with:

- A. part 4626.1080;
- B. part 4626.1480, item A;
- C. part 4626.1485; and
- D. part 4626.1560, item A.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1845 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

A food cart, food establishment at a mass gathering, retail food vehicle, portable structure or cart, special event food stand, or temporary food establishment shall comply with this part.

- A. Electrical service shall comply with chapter 1315.
- B. A fire extinguisher with a minimum 2A 10 B C rating shall be present if required by the fire marshal.
- C. Gas hook-up and service shall comply with chapter 1346.
- D. The work space shall permit unobstructed work activity.
- E. Equipment shall be located to permit easy cleaning.
- F. Facilities located indoors shall not be located on carpet.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

4626.1850 FOOD CARTS.

The provisions of this part apply to food carts.

A. A food cart shall meet NSF International Standard No. 59 for Food Carts, which is incorporated by reference in part 4626.0505.

B. A food cart located outdoors shall be equipped with an easily cleanable, detachable awning or umbrella to prevent adulteration of food.

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C. A food cart component that requires cleaning and maintenance shall be returned to an approved permanent food establishment each day of food cart operation for supply and cleaning.

D. Except for cleaning and supply, a food cart operation shall be accomplished entirely from a single self-contained unit.

E. A mechanical exhaust system complying with NSF International Standard No. 2, which is incorporated by reference in part 4626.0505, and part 4626.1475 shall be provided for a food cart used indoors when grease-laden cooking vapor, condensation, fumes, obnoxious or disagreeable odors, or smoke are generated in a cooking process. All food carts designed for cooking grease-laden foods shall be equipped with an approved fire protection system.

F. A food cart where food is prepared shall be equipped with a handwashing device supplied with hot and cold running water, soap, nail brush, and paper towels.

(1) Hot and cold water shall be supplied under pressure or by gravity with a mixing faucet.

(2) A water inlet shall be protected from contamination and designed to preclude attachment of a nonpotable service connection.

(3) A water tank shall comply with the provisions for an alternate water supply in parts 4626.1035 and 4626.1135 to 4626.1175.

G. Only single-service articles are permitted.

H. Where an approved three-compartment sink is not present, multiuse food preparation, service, and dispensing utensils shall be washed at a permanent food establishment each day of use.

I. A waste holding tank and waste removal shall comply with parts 4626.1180 to 4626.1220.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1855 SPECIAL EVENT FOOD STANDS.

This part applies to special event food stands.

A. In conjunction with the notice of opening required in part 4626.1750, the applicant for a license to operate a special event food stand shall provide to the regulatory authority information on the:

(1) sources of the food;

(2) type and volume of food to be served, held, prepared, packaged, or otherwise provided for human consumption;

(3) equipment used to serve, hold, prepare, package, or otherwise provide food for human consumption;

(4) time period and location of operation;

(5) facilities for washing hands;

(6) facilities for multiuse utensil and warewashing for other than prepackaged products;

(7) source of water; and

(8) methods of liquid and solid waste disposal.

B. Dry ice or cold packs may be substituted for the mechanical refrigeration required in parts 4626.0375 and 4626.0395 if the temperatures in parts 4626.0370 to 4626.0420 are maintained. Mechanical refrigeration shall be available for potentially hazardous foods held for four hours or longer.

C. Drained ice may be used as a cooling medium only for water-impervious beverage containers.

D. Domestic slow cookers are prohibited.

E. Food preparation and cooking areas shall be protected by an impervious shield or by a separation distance to ensure customer safety and prevent food contamination by customers.

F. A handwashing device supplied with running water at a temperature between 21 degrees C and 43.5 degrees C (70 degrees F and 110 degrees F), soap, nail brush, and paper towels shall be provided at all stands where food is prepared.

G. Water shall be supplied under pressure or by gravity with a faucet.

H. A water inlet shall be protected from contamination and designed to preclude attachment of a nonpotable service connection.

I. A water tank shall comply with the provisions for an alternate water supply specified in parts 4626.1035 and 4626.1135 to 4626.1175.

J. A stand shall provide protection during adverse weather by its construction or location. Food activities shall cease if protection fails.

K. Single-service disposable eating and drinking utensils shall be used.

L. For warewashing multiuse utensils, a washing facility shall be available consisting of at least three containers of sufficient size to immerse utensils.

M. Space shall be provided for air drying kitchenware, tableware, and utensils.

N. Towel drying is prohibited.

O. The sanitization procedures specified in parts 4626.0895 to 4626.0905 shall be used.

P. For stands that are disassembled after each use, a gravity-fed handwashing device and three containers of sufficient size to immerse utensils may be used in lieu of the requirements of items F and G, if:

(1) only beverages are served from an original container or bulk beverage dispenser;

(2) only prepackaged nonpotentially hazardous food is sold, prepared, or served; or

(3) the menu is limited to prepackaged potentially hazardous foods cooked or prepared to order, or precut or prewashed foods that have been obtained from a licensed food establishment.

Q. A waste holding tank and waste removal shall comply with parts 4626.1180 to 4626.1220.

R. The regulatory authority may restrict the type of food served or the method of food preparation based on equipment limitations, the unavailability of a permanent establishment for utensil and warewashing, adverse climatic conditions, or any other condition that poses a hazard to public health.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1860 MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS; SEASONAL TEMPORARY FOOD STANDS; SEASONAL PERMANENT FOOD STANDS.

This part applies to mobile food establishments, seasonal temporary food stands, and seasonal permanent food stands.

A. The entire operation shall be accomplished from a single self-contained unit, except for supply.

B. A mechanical exhaust system complying with NSF International Standard No. 2, which is incorporated by reference in part 4626.0505, and part 4626.1475 shall be provided when grease-laden cooking vapor, condensation, fumes, obnoxious or disagreeable odors, or smoke are generated in a cooking process.

C. Water shall be supplied under pressure with a mixing faucet.

D. A water inlet shall be protected from contamination and designed to preclude attachment of a nonpotable service connection.

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E. A water tank shall comply with the provisions for an alternate water supply in parts 4626.1035 and 4626.1135 to 4626.1175 and NSF International Standard No. 59, sections 7.3 and 7.4, which is incorporated by reference in part 4626.0505.

F. A handwashing device supplied with 21 degrees C to 43.5 degrees C (70 degrees F to 110 degrees F) running water, soap, nail brush, and paper towels shall be provided where food is prepared.

G. Single-service disposable eating and drinking utensils shall be used unless warewashing facilities specified in parts 4626.0735 to 4626.0890 are provided and the sanitization procedures specified in parts 4626.0895 to 4626.0905 are used.

H. Warewashing facilities for multiuse utensils shall be available and shall consist of at least a three-compartment sink, either freestanding or installed in a counter.

I. Space shall be provided for air drying utensils.

J. Towel drying is prohibited.

K. The sanitization procedures specified in parts 4626.0895 to 4626.0905 shall be used.

L. For seasonal temporary or permanent food stands that are disassembled after each use, a gravity-fed handwashing device and three containers of sufficient size to immerse utensils may be used in lieu of the requirements of items C, F, and H if:

(1) only beverages are served from an original container or bulk beverage dispenser;

(2) only prepackaged nonpotentially hazardous food is sold, prepared, or served; or

(3) the menu is limited to prepackaged potentially hazardous foods cooked or prepared to order, or precut or prewashed foods that have been obtained from a licensed food establishment.

M. A waste holding tank and waste removal shall comply with parts 4626.1180 to 4626.1220.

N. Mechanical refrigeration complying with part 4626.0505 shall be provided for potentially hazardous foods.

O. Food preparation and cooking areas shall be protected by an impervious shield or by a separation distance to ensure customer safety and to prevent food contamination by customers.

P. The facility shall provide protection during adverse weather by its construction or location. Food activities shall cease if protection fails.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1865 MASS GATHERINGS.

Food establishments operated at a mass gathering shall meet the standards for the applicable food establishment specified in the Code.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: *23 SR 519*

4626.1870 RETAIL FOOD VEHICLES, PORTABLE STRUCTURES, OR CARTS.

This part applies to retail food vehicles, portable structures, or carts.

A. A retail food vehicle, portable structure, or cart is exempt from compliance with part 4626.0505, items B to I.

B. In conjunction with the notice of opening required in part 4626.1750, the applicant for a license to operate a retail food vehicle, portable structure, or cart shall provide to the regulatory authority information on the:

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- (1) sources of the food;
- (2) type and volume of food to be sold or otherwise provided for human consumption;
- (3) equipment used to sell or otherwise provide the food for human consumption; and
- (4) time period and location of operation.

C. Drained ice, dry ice, or cold packs may be substituted for the mechanical refrigeration required in parts 4626.0375 and 4626.0395 if the cold temperatures in parts 4626.0340 to 4626.0365 are maintained. Mechanical refrigeration shall be provided for potentially hazardous foods held for four hours or more.

D. The vehicle, structure, or cart shall provide protection during adverse weather by its construction or location. Food activities shall cease if protection fails.

E. The regulatory authority may restrict the type of food sold or provided based on equipment limitations, adverse climatic conditions, or any other condition that poses a hazard to public health.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

History: 23 SR 519

CERTIFICATION OF FOOD MANAGERS

4626.2000 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in parts 4626.2000 to 4626.2025 have the meanings given them in this part and in part 4626.0020.

Subp. 2. **Adult day care center.** "Adult day care center" has the meaning given in part 9555.9600, subpart 4.

Subp. 3. **Certified food manager.** "Certified food manager" means an individual who has a valid Minnesota food manager's certification under part 4626.2015.

Subp. 4. **Child care facility.** "Child care facility" means a facility that provides child care as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.01, subdivision 6.

Subp. 5. **Code.** "Code" means the Minnesota Food Code, parts 4626.0010 to 4626.1870.

Subp. 6. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

Subp. 7. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Health.

Subp. 8. **Employ.** "Employ" means to secure the services of an employee.

Subp. 9. **Operator.** "Operator" means the person responsible for the overall operation of a food establishment.

Subp. 10. **Owner.** "Owner" means the person who owns a food establishment.

Subp. 11. **Prepare.** "Prepare" means to process food by heating, cooking, canning, extracting, fermenting, distilling, pickling, freezing, baking, drying, smoking, grinding, cutting, mixing, coating, stuffing, packing, bottling, packaging, or any other treatment or preservation process.

Subp. 12. **School.** "School" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22, subdivision 4.

Subp. 13. **Senior nutrition program.** "Senior nutrition program" means a program that consists of service distribution points that provide congregate meals, home-delivered meals, and linkages to social service programs for persons 60 years of age or older.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.05; 144.122; 157.011*

History: 24 SR 605

4626.2005 SCOPE.

Parts 4626.2000 to 4626.2025 apply to:

A. food establishments that are regulated by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health, or local authorities that conduct inspections of food establishments;

B. individuals applying for certification as a food manager;

C. persons providing training for food managers; and

D. persons providing examinations for food managers.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.05; 144.122; 157.011*

History: *24 SR 605*

4626.2010 CERTIFIED FOOD MANAGER REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.

Subpart 1. **Certified food manager required.** Except as provided under subpart 4, an owner or operator of a food establishment must employ one full-time certified food manager for each food establishment except for a satellite or catered feeding location.

Subp. 2. Satellite or catered feeding location.

A. A satellite or catered feeding location is a separate location where food is only reheated and served or served cold. A satellite or catered feeding location must be under the direct management authority of the owner or operator of a food establishment.

B. An owner or operator of a satellite or catered feeding location has the option of complying with subpart 1 or identifying a certified food manager who:

(1) is employed by the same owner or operator at a food establishment located elsewhere within the state; and

(2) has direct management authority for the satellite or catered feeding location, including responsibility for ensuring food safety through routine, on-site review.

C. Identification of a certified food manager under this subpart is limited to one satellite or catered feeding location per certified food manager, except for a food establishment owned or operated by a school, adult day care center, child care facility, or a senior nutrition program, in which case up to ten satellite or catered feeding locations per certified food manager is allowed.

Subp. 3. **Posting requirements.** An owner or operator of a food establishment required to employ a certified food manager must have a copy of the certificate issued under part 4626.2015 posted in a conspicuous place at the establishment.

Subp. 4. **Exemptions.** The following food establishments are not required to have a certified food manager:

A. a food establishment where food preparation activities are solely limited to one or more of the following:

(1) heating or serving precooked hot dog or sausage products, popcorn, nachos, pretzels, or frozen pizza;

(2) preparing or serving a continental breakfast such as rolls, coffee, juice, milk, and cold cereal;

(3) preparing or serving nonalcoholic or alcoholic beverages or ice;

(4) grinding coffee beans;

(5) packaging foods that are not potentially hazardous foods;

(6) serving bulk food as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 31.80, subdivision 2;

(7) processing raw meat, poultry, fish, or wild game intended for cooking after sale;

(8) heating as the only preparation step for a bakery product;

(9) providing prepackaged food in its original package; or

(10) cleaning or sanitizing eating, drinking, or cooking utensils, when the only food served is prepared off site;

B. the following establishments if food is prepared for 18 or fewer persons per mealtime: a boarding establishment as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 157.15, subdivision 4, a bed and breakfast, a child care facility, or an adult day care center;

C. a food cart, mobile food unit, seasonal permanent food stand, seasonal temporary food stand, or special event food stand, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 157.15, subdivisions 6, 9, 12a, 13, and 14, respectively;

D. a retail food vehicle, portable structure, cart, or vending machine; and

E. a food establishment that provides meals no more than one day in a seven-day period and that is owned and operated by a business or a nonprofit organization whose primary activity is not food service.

Subp. 5. **Duties of certified food manager.** An owner or operator, through the certified food manager, is responsible for ensuring that:

A. hazards in the day-to-day operation of the food establishment are identified;

B. policies and procedures to prevent foodborne illness are developed and implemented;

C. employees are trained to ensure that there is at least one trained individual present at all times food preparation activities are conducted who can demonstrate the knowledge required in the Code;

D. food preparation activities are directed and corrective action is taken, as needed, to protect the health of the consumer; and

E. in-house self-inspections of daily operations are conducted on a periodic basis to ensure that food safety policies and procedures are followed.

Subp. 6. **New establishments and employee transition.** An owner or operator of a food establishment that commences operation on or after July 1, 2000, or a food establishment that ceases to employ a certified food manager must, within 45 days:

A. hire a new certified food manager;

B. designate an existing employee who is enrolled in a training course according to part 4626.2015; or

C. hire a new employee who is enrolled in a training course according to part 4626.2015.

The designated employee in training under item B or C must apply for certification as a food manager within 90 days of the date that the food establishment commenced operation or ceased to employ its certified food manager, as applicable. If, for any reason, the designated employee does not receive certification, the owner or operator of the food establishment must employ a certified food manager within 30 days of determining that the employee in training will not be certified.

Subp. 7. **Effective date.** This part is effective July 1, 2000.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.05; 144.122; 157.011*

History: *24 SR 605*

4626.2015 CERTIFIED FOOD MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION.

Subpart 1. **Training.** An applicant for certification as a food manager must complete a training course that addresses safe food preparation and handling, sanitation, and the prevention of foodborne illness. The course must cover improper holding temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene.

Subp. 2. **Examination.** An applicant for certification as a food manager must pass a written examination recognized under part 4626.2020 on the date taken. The examination must have been taken within 36 months directly preceding the application for certification under subpart 3.

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Subp. 3. **Application fee and documents.** An applicant for certification as a food manager must submit to the commissioner:

A. documentation of the applicant's qualifications under subparts 1 and 2;

B. a completed application on a form provided by the commissioner that contains:

(1) the name, telephone number, and mailing address, including county, of the applicant; and

(2) the social security number of the applicant; and

C. a \$15 nonrefundable certification fee payable to the department.

Subp. 4. **Issuance of certificate.** Upon review and verification, as needed, of the documents submitted under subpart 3, the commissioner shall issue a certificate or a letter of denial within 45 days of receiving the application. Grounds for the commissioner to deny an application are provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.99, subdivision 8, paragraphs (a) and (b).

Subp. 5. **Certificate validity; nontransfer.** A food manager certificate is valid statewide for three years from the date of issuance. The certificate is not transferable to another individual.

Subp. 6. **Renewal.** An applicant for certification renewal must submit to the commissioner:

A. a completed renewal application on a form provided by the commissioner that contains:

(1) the name, telephone number, and mailing address, including county, of the applicant; and

(2) the social security number of the applicant;

B. a \$15 nonrefundable certification fee payable to the department; and

C. documentation of successful completion of at least four contact hours of continuing education within the 36 months directly preceding submittal of the renewal application. The continuing education must meet the requirements of subpart 7. Documentation must include:

(1) the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the continuing education;

(2) an agenda and course outline or other material that demonstrates that the course addressed food sanitation and safety or emerging trends in food preparation and handling, sanitation, or the prevention of foodborne illness;

(3) the number of hours of instruction; and

(4) the dates and location of the continuing education.

Upon review and verification, as needed, the commissioner shall issue a certificate or a letter of denial within 45 days of receiving the renewal application. Grounds for the commissioner to deny an application are provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 144.99, subdivision 8, paragraphs (a) and (b).

Subp. 7. **Continuing education.** A continuing education course must:

A. address food sanitation and safety or emerging trends in food preparation and handling, sanitation, or the prevention of foodborne illness;

B. be at least one contact hour;

C. use a mechanism to validate participation;

D. maintain attendance sheets for five years; and

E. be presented by knowledgeable persons who have reviewed developments in the subject being covered in the program within the last two years. The instructors' qualifications must be in one of the following: specialized training in the subject matter or experience teaching the subject matter.

Subp. 8. **Expired certificate.** An individual whose certification expires may apply for renewal under subpart 6 if no more than one year has elapsed since the certificate's

expiration date. If more than one year has elapsed since the expiration date, an applicant for renewal must comply with subparts 1 to 4.

Subp. 9. **Duplicate certificate.** The commissioner shall issue a duplicate certificate to replace a lost, destroyed, or mutilated certificate if the applicant submits a completed application on a form provided by the commissioner for a duplicate certificate and pays \$15 to the department for the cost of duplication.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.05; 144.122; 157.011*

History: *24 SR 605*

4626.2020 RECOGNIZED EXAMINATIONS.

After the Conference for Food Protection (110 Tecumseh Trail, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601) publishes its list of recognized food protection managers certification examinations, the commissioner shall accept only examinations that are recognized by the Conference for Food Protection. The following examinations are recognized up to the date of publication of the Conference for Food Protection list of recognized examinations:

A. the ServSafe© Examination of the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association;

B. the Certified Professional Food Managers Examination of the Experior Assessments LLC (formerly National Assessment Institute);

C. the Food Safety Manager Certification Examination of Professional Testing, Inc.;

D. the Food Protection Certification Examination of the Chauncey Group International; and

E. the Certified Food Protection Professional Sanitation and Safety Examination of the Certifying Board for Dietary Managers.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.05; 144.122; 157.011*

History: *24 SR 605*

4626.2025 VARIANCE.

A variance to parts 4626.2000 to 4626.2020 may be requested under parts 4626.1690 to 4626.1715.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 144.05; 144.122; 157.011*

History: *24 SR 605*