

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.

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