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Food Safety Self-Inspection Form*

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Inspection checklist of practices to ensure safe preparation and handling of food.

Status of Observations: Use the following terms to complete this form. IN — Item found in compliance; OUT — Item found out of compliance; N.O. — Not observed; N.A. — Not applicable

Food Source

- _____ All foods are from regulated food processing plants.
- All shellfish are from NSSP¹ listed sources.
- Game and wild mushrooms are only used with approval from regulatory authority.

Commercially processed ready-to-eat food, if reheated, is held at 135°F or above.

Cooking Temperatures

 Poultry, stuffed fish, meat and pastas are cooked to
165°F for 15 seconds.
Raw eggs broken for immediate service are cooked
to 145°F for 15 Seconds.
Comminuted fish, meats, game animals are heated to
155°F for 15 seconds.
 Wild game animals are cooked to 165°F for 15 sec-
onds.
Raw animal foods cooked in a microwave are heated
to 165°F.

Records

- _____ Shellstock tags/labels are retained for 90 days from the date the container is emptied.
- _____ Written documentation of parasite destruction is maintained for fish products.
- _____ CCP¹ monitoring records is maintained in accordance with HACCP¹ plan when required.

Cooling

Cooked PHF is cooled to 135°F - 70°F in 2 hours and from 70°F - 41°F in 4 hours.

PHF (from ambient ingredients) is cooled to 41°F within 4 hours.

Foods received at a temperature according to law are cooled to 41°F within 4 hours.

Reheating

PHFs¹ are reheated to 165°F for 15 seconds.
Food reheated in a microwave is heated to 165°F or higher.

- ¹ NSSP National Shellfish Sanitation Program
- HACCP Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point

CCP — Critical Control Point

^{*}Adapted from: Report of the FDA Retail Food Program Database of Foodborne Illness Risk Factors.

PHF — Potentially Hazardous Foods (such as meat and poultry; pastries made with cream or custard fillings; salads and sandwiches made with meat, poultry, eggs or fish; and home-canned, low-acid foods such as vegetables and meats).

Cold Holding

PHF is maintained at 41°F or below, except during preparation, cooking, cooling, or when time is used as a public health control.

Food Contact Surfaces

Food contact surfaces and utensils are clean to sight and touch and sanitized before use.

Personnel Check List

 Hands are clean and properly washed when and as
required.
 Personnel only eat, drink and use tobacco in designated
areas.
 Personnel do not work with exposed food if experienc-
ing persistent sneezing, coughing or runny nose.
 Personnel do not use a utensil more than once to taste
foods.
Personnel do not contact exposed, ready-to-eat food
 with bare hands.
 A hand-washing facility is conveniently located for
 employees.
There are hand cleansers, sanitary towels and hand-
 drying devices in the hand-washing facility.

Chemical Check List

No unapproved food or color additives are used.

All chemicals are properly identified, stored and used.

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Hot Holding

PHF is maintained at 135°F or above, except during preparation, cooking, cooling, or when time is used as a public health control.

Time

Ready-to-eat PHF held at 41°F for 7 days is discarded as required.

Commercially prepared, ready-to-eat PHF is date marked as required.

Separation/Segregation/Protection

Raw animal foods are kept separate from raw readyto-eat food and cooked ready-to-eat food.

- After food is served to a consumer, food is not re-served.
- Food is protected from environmental contamination.