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Division of Food Safety

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Authority

Food Products Chapter 500 F.S.
Milk, Milk Products and Frozen Desserts Chapter 502 F.S.
Classification and Sale of Poultry and Eggs Chapter 583 F.S.
Food Products Rule 5K-4, F.A.C.
Poultry Rule 5K-5, F.A.C.
Eggs Rule 5K-6, F.A.C.
Water Vending Machines Rule 5K-9, F.A.C.
Milk, Milk Products and Frozen Desserts Rule 5K-10, F.A.C.

Division of Food Safety
Division Team

• Division Office
  • Permitting – Ms. Beth Evans
  • Enforcement – Ms. Melissa Sam
  • Information Technology – Ms. Alina Pace
  • Budget – Mr. Bruce Zahradnick
  • Administrative Support

• Bureau of Food Inspection – Chief Matt Colson
• Bureau of Dairy Industry – Chief Zach Conlin
• Bureau of Laboratories – Chief Diane Pickett
TESTING LABORATORIES
Analyze Food Samples
Chapter 500, Florida Statutes

Current Staffing: 74 Biologist, Chemist, and Technician FTEs

Why this activity?

• Identify and prevent the adulteration of food products and spread of foodborne illness

• Allows for the removal of the food product(s) from commerce and/or equipment from use when determined to be contaminated

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RETAIL FOOD INSPECTION
Permit Retail Food Establishments
Chapter 500, Florida Statutes

• Primarily grocery stores and convenience stores
• Establishments selling packaged food items as the predominant mode of food sales or distribution
• Inspectors ensure compliance with applicable state regulations
  • Consumer food complaints; assist with the investigation of foodborne illnesses; collect food samples; perform environmental sampling; and evaluate special processes occurring at retail establishments
• Industry Education
• Inspectors are standardized for consistency
Permit Retail Food Establishments
Chapter 500, Florida Statutes

Current Staffing: 99 Field Inspection FTEs
Current Activity: 40,393 retail food establishments

Why this activity?
• Helps ensure food products held and sold to consumers in Florida are safe and not contaminated
• Helps reduce the possibility of foodborne illnesses
Most Common Citations – Convenience Stores

1. 3,070 - Physical facilities cleaning not done as often as necessary to keep them clean or during periods when the least amount of food is exposed such as after closing. 6-501.12

2. 2,602 - Physical facilities not maintained in good repair. 6-501.11

3. 2,347 - Person in charge or food establishment employee is not a certified food protection manager who has passed a test through a recognized accredited certification program as specified in the FDA Food Code. 2-102.11(B)

4. 2,265 - Handwashing sink or group of adjacent handwashing sinks not provided with either individual, disposable towels, continuous towel system, high velocity pressurized air at ambient temperature, or heated-air hand drying device. 6-301.12 Pf

5. 2,261 - Non food-contact surfaces of equipment not cleaned at a frequency necessary to preclude accumulation of soil residues. 4-602.13
Food Establishment Plan Review

• Assists businesses to help ensure they construct and design facilities in conformance with the Food Code

• Voluntary fee-for-service program for permittees

• Construction plans reviewed for compliance and compatibility with construction standards, the Food Code, and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

Current Staffing: 1 Full-Time Reviewer and 1 part-time OPS assisting reviewer

Current Activity: 358 Plan reviews conducted in 2018

Why this activity?

Avoidance of extra costs and violations
Hemp Food Establishment Permitting

• Establishments selling Hemp Extract as food will be considered food or dairy establishments and permitted accordingly.

• Entities selling Hemp Extract as food will be inspected by the Bureaus of Food Inspection or Dairy Industry.

• Requirements will be the same as existing requirements for food and dairy establishments.

• Requirements will also include any specific provisions listed in these rules and/or in the “Hemp Law.”

Hemp Extract Sampling

• Hemp Extract for food will be sampled in the field as any other food or dairy commodity.

• Products will be tested against contaminant levels already established for food and dairy products.

• Products will also be tested for any specific contaminants or levels specified in these rules.

• Adulterated or misbranded products will generally be removed from commerce.

• Additional labeling requirements in s. 581.217, FS
Questions?

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