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## REGULATIONS FOR TEMPORARY RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

### LICENSING:

1. A temporary retail food establishment is any vendor selling or giving away food and beverages for immediate consumption in conjunction with a single event or celebration for no more than 14 consecutive days.
2. All temporary retail food establishments must apply for and display a temporary food license for the time period they intend to operate. The license is issued by the local Board of Health Secretary or Municipal Clerk. **(Temporary licenses must be applied for and issued at least 7 days prior to the start of the event.)**

### SANITATION AND SET UP:

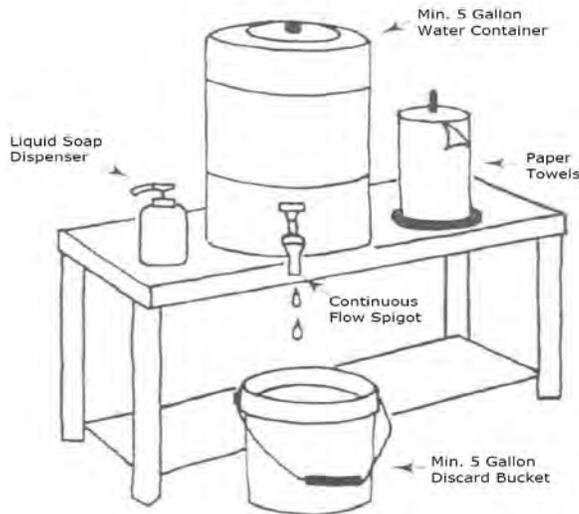
3. Hand washing facilities **MUST** be provided within the booth. The set up must include:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Gallon covered container with spigot.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Gallon waste water collection container.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Liquid Hand Soap.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Individual disposable paper towels for drying hands.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Waste basket for used towels.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A sign to remind food employees to wash their hands frequently (If there is no food preparation and only product samples are being offered then Hand Sanitizers or pre-treated cleansing towelettes may be utilized.)**(8:24-2.3(f)/6.7A)**
4. Employees shall wash their hands and exposed arms before engaging in food preparation and after:
  - a.** using a toilet **b.** touching human body parts **c.** coughing, sneezing or using tobacco, eating, drinking **d.** after touching soiled equipment **e.** after touching raw food **f.** during food preparation as often as necessary **g.** before donning gloves for working with foods **h.** after hands become contaminated.**(8:24-2.3(f1-9))**
5. All food ingredients and ice shall be purchased from an approved commercial source or commissary and shall be prepared in a licensed and inspected commercial facility or on site. **(Food prepared in private homes for public distribution or sale is prohibited) (8:24-3.2(a)1-2)**
6. Drinking water shall be obtained from an approved source that is operated in accordance with the New Jersey Safe Drinking Water Act. It must be sampled, tested and conveyed using safe, water quality apparatus. **(8:24-5.1a – j)**

7. **NO BARE HAND CONTACT.** Food employees may not contact exposed, ready-to-eat food with bare hands. Single use, disposable gloves and/or suitable utensils to use to prevent bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods. **(8:24-3.3(a)2)**
8. Foods that require temperature control for safety (TCS) shall be maintained at the proper temperatures. **Cold** TCS foods shall be maintained at **41 degrees F** or below. **Hot** TCS foods shall be maintained at **135 degrees F** or above. **(8:24-3.5 f 1-2)**
9. There must be sufficient hot and cold holding units to maintain TCS foods at their proper temperatures with accurate thermometers inside the units to monitor the ambient temperature. **(8:24-4.2c-7)**
10. Bi-metal, thin probe stem thermometers must be utilized to check and monitor hot and cold food temperatures. A small diameter, thin tipped thermometer designed for monitoring thin meat patties is best.**(8:24-4.2c-1-2)**
11. Grills, stoves, and other equipment to rapidly cook and reheat foods must be provided. Previously cooked, then cooled foods must be rapidly reheated (within 2 hours) to 165 degrees F on a grill or stove before serving. **(The use of slow cookers, crock pots, steam tables, Baines maries or other warmers to reheat foods is prohibited).** **(8:24-3.4g4)**
12. Three (3) plastic tubs for manual dishwashing shall be provided to wash, rinse and sanitize food service equipment and utensils. Provide an area for air drying cleaned and sanitized equipment. **(8:24-4.8a-1)**
13. An approved chemical sanitizer (chlorine, Iodine or quaternary ammonium compound) must be available and prepared in solution to the proper concentration. The proper test kit must be available to monitor the concentration of the sanitizing solution. **( 8:24-4.8j1,3 & 4.8k)**
14. Chemical sanitizers shall be prepared to the proper concentrations. **Food contact surfaces must be cleaned and sanitized at least once every four hours.**
  - a. Chlorine solution @75 degrees F shall be 50 - 100 ppm (mg/L).
  - b. Iodine solution @ 75 degrees F shall be 12.5 to 25 ppm (mg/L).
  - c. Quaternary ammonium compound shall be per manufacturers directions. Commonly @75 degrees F a QAC shall be 150ppm to 400ppm (mg/L).**(8:24-4.8j1-3)**
15. Food shall be protected from contamination while being stored, served or displayed by using protective covers, sneeze guards, wraps and elevated platforms to keep it at least 6" above the ground. **(8:24-3.3f & t)**
16. Molluscan Shellfish shall be from an approved source certified by the State of New Jersey. All identification tags that accompany the shellfish must remain with the shellfish until the shellfish is entirely consumed and then the identification tag must be retained and held by the vendor in chronological order for 90 days.**(8:24-3.2r).**

17. Waste receptacles with liners and covers for food waste and trash must be provided. Receptacles for **recyclable materials** shall also be provided. The area around the temporary establishment must be kept clean and free of litter, refuse and garbage at all times. **(8:24-5.5a)**
18. All dirt, gravel or partially grass covered areas located within the food preparation area shall be covered with duckboards, mats, cleanable wooden platforms or other material acceptable to the Health Authority shall be put down to prevent dirt and dust from rising up. **(8:24-6.1(a) 2)**.
19. Food workers shall wear clean clothing and wear hair restraints in the form of a cover that will prevent hair from falling into the food. **(8:24-2.3k/2.4c1)**
20. The Inspector may establish additional structural or operations requirements as necessary to ensure that food remains safe and the establishment is sanitary.

## HAND-WASHING & UTENSIL-WASHING REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY FOOD FACILITIES

**Hand-washing facilities**, separate from the utensil washing area, shall be provided. Hand-washing facilities shall be located within each temporary food stand and conform to the diagram below:



### Utensil Washing Facilities

Booths with food preparation require three (3) containers for the cleaning of equipment, utensils, and for general cleaning purposes. One shall contain soapy water, one shall have clean water for rinsing and the last a bleach/water solution for sanitizing.

**Note:** Additional facilities, such as a sink with running water, may be required when there is extensive food preparation or where water, power, and sewer connections are available.



Immerse into a sanitizer solution of 1 teaspoon of household bleach per gallon/ 50 - 100 ppm of water for 60 seconds, then air dry.

