RISK CONTROL PLAN CITATIONS
CROSS CONTAMINATION CONTROL

CODE REQUIREMENT [310:257-5-23]

310:257-5-23. Packaged and unpackaged food-separation, packaging, and segregation
(a) Food shall be protected from cross contamination by:
   (1) Except as specified in (c) of this Section, separating raw animal foods during storage, preparation, holding, and display from:
      (A) Raw ready-to-eat food including other raw animal food such as fish for sushi or molluscan shellfish, or other raw ready-to-eat food such as fruits and vegetables; and
      (B) Cooked ready-to-eat food;
   (2) Except when combined as ingredients, separating types of raw animal foods from each other such as beef, fish, lamb, pork, and poultry during storage, preparation, holding, and display by:
      (A) Using separate equipment for each type; or
      (B) Arranging each type of food in equipment so that cross contamination of one type with another is prevented; and
      (C) Preparing each type of food at different times or in separate areas;
   (3) Cleaning equipment and utensils as specified under OAC 310:257-7-83(a) and sanitizing as specified under OAC 310:257-7-95;
   (4) Except as specified in (b) of this Section, 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 under OAC 310:257-11-38; and
   (8) Separating fruits and vegetables, before they are washed as specified under OAC 310:257-5-27 from ready-to-eat food.
(b) Paragraph (a)(4) of this Section 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 such as country hams, and smoked or cured sausages that are placed on clean, sanitized racks;
   (4) Food being cooled as specified under OAC 310:257-5-58(b)(2); or
   (5) Shellstock.
(c) Frozen, commercially processed and packaged raw animal food may be stored or displayed with or above frozen, commercially processed and packaged, ready-to-eat food.
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