

CHAPTER 31  
FOOD ESTABLISHMENT AND FOOD  
PROCESSING PLANT INSPECTIONS

[Prior to 8/26/87, see Inspections and Appeals Department[481]—Chs 21 and 22]

**481—31.1(137F) Inspection standards for food establishments.** The department adopts, with the following exceptions, the 2009 Food Code with Supplement of the Food and Drug Administration as the state's "food code," which is the inspection standard for food establishments other than food processing plants.

**31.1(1) *Certified food protection manager required.*** For purposes of section 2-102.12 of the 2009 Food Code with Supplement, establishments that sell only prepackaged foods are not required to employ an individual who has completed a certified food protection manager course. Temporary food establishments are not required to employ an individual who has completed a certified food protection manager course. For all other establishments, the following time frames apply for employment of an individual who has completed a certified food protection manager course:

*a.* For establishments newly licensed after January 1, 2014, the requirement of section 2-102.12 must be met within six months of licensure.

*b.* Establishments in existence as of January 1, 2014, that do not receive a foodborne illness risk factor or public health intervention violation on or before July 1, 2017, shall meet the requirement of section 2-102.12 by January 1, 2018.

*c.* Establishments in existence as of January 1, 2014, that receive a foodborne illness risk factor or public health intervention violation on or before July 1, 2017, shall meet the requirement of section 2-102.12 within six months of the violation.

*d.* If the individual meeting the requirement of section 2-102.12 leaves employment with an establishment required to meet section 2-102.12, the establishment shall meet the requirement of section 2-102.12 within six months.

**31.1(2) *Honey prepared in a residence.*** Section 3-201.11 is amended to allow honey which is stored; prepared, including by placement in a container; or labeled at or distributed from the premises of a residence to be sold in a food establishment.

**31.1(3) *Morel mushrooms.*** Section 3-201.16, paragraph (A), is amended by adding the following:  
"A food establishment or farmers market potentially hazardous food licensee may serve or sell morel mushrooms if procured from an individual who has completed a morel mushroom identification expert course. Every morel mushroom shall be identified and found to be safe by a certified morel mushroom identification expert whose competence has been verified and approved by the department through the expert's successful completion of a morel mushroom identification expert course provided by either an accredited college or university or a mycological society. The certified morel mushroom identification expert shall personally inspect each mushroom and determine it to be a morel mushroom. A morel mushroom identification expert course shall be at least three hours in length. To maintain status as a morel mushroom identification expert, the individual shall have successfully completed a morel mushroom identification expert course described above within the past three years. A person who wishes to offer a morel mushroom identification expert course must submit the course curriculum to the department for review and approval. Food establishments or farmers market potentially hazardous food licensees offering morel mushrooms shall maintain the following information for a period of 90 days from the date the morel mushrooms were obtained:

"1. The name, address, and telephone number of the morel mushroom identification expert;

"2. A copy of the morel mushroom identification expert's certificate of successful completion of the course, containing the date of completion; and

"3. The quantity of morel mushrooms purchased and the date(s) purchased.

"Furthermore, a consumer advisory shall inform consumers by brochures, deli case or menu advisories, label statements, table tents, placards, or other effective written means that wild mushrooms should be thoroughly cooked and may cause allergic reactions or other effects."

**31.1(4) *Field-dressed wild game prohibition.*** Subparagraph 3-201.17(A)(4) is amended to state that field-dressed wild game shall not be permitted in food establishments unless:

- a. The food establishment is also licensed and inspected by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship, meat and poultry inspection bureau, pursuant to Iowa Code section 189A.3;
- b. All field-dressed wild game is adequately separated from food, equipment, utensils, clean linens, and single-service and single-use articles; and
- c. Any equipment used in the processing of field-dressed wild game is adequately cleaned and sanitized before use with other foods.

**31.1(5) *Preventing contamination from hands.*** Section 3-301.11, paragraph (D), is amended to incorporate the changes to this section adopted in the 2013 Food Code, which provides as follows:

“(D) Paragraph (B) of this section does not apply to a food employee that contacts exposed, ready-to-eat food with bare hands at the time the ready-to-eat food is being added as an ingredient to a food that:

“(1) Contains a raw animal food and is to be cooked in the food establishment to heat all parts of the food to the minimum temperatures specified in ¶3-401.11(A)-(B) or §3-401.12; or

“(2) Does not contain a raw animal food but is to be cooked in the food establishment to heat all parts of the food to a temperature of at least 63°C (145°F).”

**31.1(6) *Noncontinuous cooking of raw animal foods.*** Section 3-401.14, paragraph (D), is amended as follows to incorporate the changes in this section adopted in the 2013 Food Code:

(D) Prior to sale or service, cooked using a process that heats all parts of the FOOD to a temperature and for a time as specified under ¶¶ 3-401.11(A)-(C); <sup>P</sup>

**31.1(7) *Reduced oxygen packaging in meat and poultry processing plants.*** Meat and poultry processing plants that are licensed and inspected by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship (IDALS) meat and poultry inspection bureau pursuant to Iowa Code section 189A.3 and that are also licensed as a food establishment are exempt from section 3-502.11, paragraphs (A), (B), (D) and (F), and section 3-502.12 if all of the following criteria are met:

- a. Each food product formulation has been approved by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship, meat and poultry inspection bureau;
- b. A copy of the approved formulation (T40/45) is maintained on file at the establishment and made available to the regulatory authority upon request;
- c. Cooked products that do not include a curing agent or an antimicrobial agent that will control *Clostridium botulinum* and *Listeria monocytogenes* that are in a reduced oxygen package are stored and sold frozen and are labeled “Keep Frozen”; and
- d. The food products are properly labeled.

**31.1(8) *Reduced oxygen packaging.*** Section 3-502.12 is amended to incorporate the changes in this section adopted in the 2013 Food Code, which provides as follows:

**3-502.12** Reduced Oxygen Packaging Without a Variance, Criteria.

(A) Except for a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT that obtains a VARIANCE as specified under § 3-502.11, a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT that PACKAGES TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD using a REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING method shall control the growth and toxin formation of *Clostridium botulinum* and the growth of *Listeria monocytogenes*. <sup>P</sup>

(B) Except as specified under ¶ (F) of this section, a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT that PACKAGES TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD using a REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING method shall implement a HACCP PLAN that contains the information specified under ¶¶ 8-201.14(B) and (D) and that: <sup>Pf</sup>

- (1) Identifies the FOOD to be PACKAGED; <sup>Pf</sup>
- (2) Except as specified under ¶¶ (C) - (E) of this section, requires that the PACKAGED FOOD shall be maintained at 5°C (41°F) or less and meet at least one of the following criteria: <sup>Pf</sup>
  - (a) Has an  $A_w$  of 0.91 or less, <sup>Pf</sup>
  - (b) Has a pH of 4.6 or less, <sup>Pf</sup>

(c) Is a MEAT or POULTRY product cured at a FOOD PROCESSING PLANT regulated by the USDA using substances specified in 9 CFR 424.21, Use of food ingredients and sources of radiation, and is received in an intact PACKAGE, <sup>Pf</sup> or

(d) Is a FOOD with a high level of competing organisms such as raw MEAT, raw POULTRY, or raw vegetables; <sup>Pf</sup>

(3) Describes how the PACKAGE shall be prominently and conspicuously labeled on the principal display panel in bold type on a contrasting background, with instructions to: <sup>Pf</sup>

(a) Maintain the FOOD at 5°C (41°F) or below, <sup>Pf</sup> and

(b) Discard the FOOD if, within 30 calendar days of its PACKAGING, it is not served for on-PREMISES consumption, or consumed if served or sold for off-PREMISES consumption; <sup>Pf</sup>

(4) Limits the refrigerated shelf life to no more than 30 calendar days from PACKAGING to consumption, except the time the product is maintained frozen, or the original manufacturer's "sell by" or "use by" date, whichever occurs first; <sup>P</sup>

(5) Includes operational procedures that:

(a) Prohibit contacting READY-TO-EAT FOOD with bare hands as specified under ¶ 3-301.11(B), <sup>Pf</sup>

(b) Identify a designated work area and the method by which: <sup>Pf</sup>

(i) Physical barriers or methods of separation of raw FOODS and READY-TO-EAT FOODS minimize cross contamination, <sup>Pf</sup> and

(ii) Access to the processing EQUIPMENT is limited to responsible trained personnel familiar with the potential HAZARDS of the operation, <sup>Pf</sup> and

(c) Delineate cleaning and SANITIZATION procedures for FOOD-CONTACT SURFACES; <sup>Pf</sup> and

(6) Describes the training program that ensures that the individual responsible for the REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING operation understands the: <sup>Pf</sup>

(a) Concepts required for a safe operation, <sup>Pf</sup>

(b) EQUIPMENT and facilities, <sup>Pf</sup> and

(c) Procedures specified under Subparagraph (B)(5) of this section and ¶¶ 8-201.14(B) and (D). <sup>Pf</sup>

(7) Is provided to the REGULATORY AUTHORITY prior to implementation as specified under ¶ 8-201.13(B).

(C) Except for FISH that is frozen before, during, and after PACKAGING, a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT may not PACKAGE FISH using a REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING method. <sup>P</sup>

(D) Except as specified under ¶ (C) and ¶ (F) of this section, a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT that PACKAGES TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD using a cook-chill or sous vide process shall:

(1) Provide to the REGULATORY AUTHORITY prior to implementation, a HACCP PLAN that contains the information as specified under ¶¶ 8-201.14(B) and (D); <sup>Pf</sup>

(2) Ensure the FOOD is:

(a) Prepared and consumed on the PREMISES, or prepared and consumed off the PREMISES but within the same business entity with no distribution or sale of the PACKAGED product to another business entity or the CONSUMER, <sup>Pf</sup>

(b) Cooked to heat all parts of the FOOD to a temperature and for a time as specified under ¶¶ 3-401.11(A), (B), and (C), <sup>P</sup>

(c) Protected from contamination before and after cooking as specified under Parts 3-3 and 3-4, <sup>P</sup>

(d) Placed in a PACKAGE with an oxygen barrier and sealed before cooking, or placed in a PACKAGE and sealed immediately after cooking and before reaching a temperature below 57°C (135°F), <sup>P</sup>

(e) Cooled to 5°C (41°F) in the sealed PACKAGE or bag as specified under § 3-501.14 and: <sup>P</sup>

(i) Cooled to 1°C (34°F) within 48 hours of reaching 5°C (41°F) and held at that temperature until consumed or discarded within 30 days after the date of PACKAGING; <sup>P</sup>

(ii) Held at 5°C (41°F) or less for no more than 7 days, at which time the FOOD must be consumed or discarded; <sup>P</sup> or

(iii) Held frozen with no shelf life restriction while frozen until consumed or used. <sup>P</sup>

(f) Held in a refrigeration unit that is equipped with an electronic system that continuously monitors time and temperature and is visually examined for proper operation twice daily, <sup>Pf</sup>

(g) If transported off-site to a satellite location of the same business entity, equipped with verifiable electronic monitoring devices to ensure that times and temperatures are monitored during transportation, <sup>Pf</sup> and

(h) Labeled with the product name and the date PACKAGED; <sup>Pf</sup> and

(3) Maintain the records required to confirm that cooling and cold holding refrigeration time/temperature parameters are required as part of the HACCP PLAN and:

(a) Make such records available to the REGULATORY AUTHORITY upon request, <sup>Pf</sup> and

(b) Hold such records for at least 6 months; <sup>Pf</sup> and

(4) Implement written operational procedures as specified under subparagraph (B)(5) of this section and a training program as specified under subparagraph (B)(6) of this section. <sup>Pf</sup>

(E) Except as specified under ¶ (F) of this section, a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT that PACKAGES cheese using a REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING method shall:

(1) Limit the cheeses PACKAGED to those that are commercially manufactured in a FOOD PROCESSING PLANT with no ingredients added in the FOOD ESTABLISHMENT and that meet the Standards of Identity as specified in 21 CFR 133.150 Hard cheeses, 21 CFR 133.169 Pasteurized process cheese or 21 CFR 133.187 Semisoft cheeses; <sup>P</sup>

(2) Have a HACCP PLAN that contains the information specified under ¶¶ 8-201.14(B) and (D) and as specified under ¶¶ (B)(1), (B)(3)(a), (B)(5) and (B)(6) of this section; <sup>Pf</sup>

(3) Label the PACKAGE on the principal display panel with a “use by” date that does not exceed 30 days from its packaging or the original manufacturer’s “sell by” or “use by” date, whichever occurs first; <sup>Pf</sup> and

(4) Discard the REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGED cheese if it is not sold for off-PREMISES consumption or consumed within 30 calendar days of its PACKAGING. <sup>Pf</sup>

(F) A HACCP PLAN is not required when a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT uses a REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING method to PACKAGE TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY FOOD that is always:

(1) Labeled with the production time and date,

(2) Held at 5°C (41°F) or less during refrigerated storage, and

(3) Removed from its PACKAGE in the FOOD ESTABLISHMENT within 48 hours after PACKAGING.

**31.1(9)** *Warewashing sinks in establishments serving alcoholic beverages.* Section 4-301.12 is amended by adding the following: “When alcoholic beverages are served in a food service establishment, a sink with not fewer than three compartments shall be used in the bar area for manual washing, rinsing and sanitizing of bar utensils and glasses. When food is served in a bar, a separate three-compartment sink for washing, rinsing and sanitizing food-related dishes shall be used in the kitchen area, unless a dishwasher is used to wash utensils.”

**31.1(10)** *Allowance for two-compartment sinks in certain circumstances.* Paragraph 4-301.12(C) is amended by adding the following: “Establishments need not have a three-compartment sink when each of the following conditions is met:

“1. Three or fewer utensils are used for food preparation;

“2. Utensils are limited to tongs, spatulas, and scoops; and

“3. The department has approved after verification that the establishment can adequately wash and sanitize these utensils.”

**31.1(11)** *Chemical treated towelettes.* Paragraph 5-203.11(C) is deleted.

**31.1(12)** *Service sink.* For existing establishments, if waste water is being appropriately disposed of, section 5-203.13 for existing establishments shall go into effect upon the establishment’s renovation or sale.

**31.1(13)** *Toilets and lavatories.* Section 5-203.12 is amended by adding the following requirement: “Separate toilet facilities for men and women shall be provided in establishments which seat 50 or more people or in establishments which serve beer or alcoholic beverages.”

**31.1(14) Backflow protection.** Section 5-203.14 is amended by adding the following: “Water outlets with hose attachments, except for water heater drains and clothes washer connections, shall be protected by a non-removable hose bibb backflow preventer or by a listed atmospheric vacuum breaker installed at least six inches above the highest point of usage and located on the discharge side of the last valve.”

**31.1(15) Backflow prevention.** Paragraph 5-402.11(D) is amended by adding the following: “A culinary sink or sink used for food preparation shall not have a direct connection between the sewage system and a drain originating from that sink. Culinary sinks or sinks used in food preparation shall be separated by an air break.”

**31.1(16) Inspection standards for elder group homes.** Elder group homes as defined by Iowa Code section 231B.1 shall be inspected by the department, but chapters 4 and 6 of the Food Code shall not apply. Elder group homes shall pay the lowest license fee set forth in 481—subrule 30.4(2).

**31.1(17) Nonprofit exception for temporary events.** Nonprofit organizations that are licensed as temporary food establishments may serve nonpotentially hazardous food from an unapproved source for the duration of the event.

**31.1(18) Variance approval by department and submission of HACCP plans.** Any variances or HACCP plans that require approval by the “regulatory authority” must be approved by the department. HACCP plans pursuant to paragraphs 3-502.12(B) and 8-201.13(B) shall be filed with the department prior to implementation, regardless of whether or not the plan requires approval.

**31.1(19) Trichinae control for pork products prepared at retail.** Pork products prepared at retail shall comply with the Code of Federal Regulations found in 9 CFR, Section 318.10, January 1, 2013, publication, regarding the destruction of possible live trichinae in pork and pork products. Examples of pork products that require trichinae control include raw sausages containing pork and other meat products, raw breaded pork products, bacon used to wrap around steaks and patties, and uncooked mixtures of pork and other meat products contained in meat loaves and similar types of products. The use of “certified pork” as authorized by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship or the United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, shall meet the requirements of this subrule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 137F.2.  
[ARC 1191C, IAB 11/27/13, effective 1/1/14]

**481—31.2(137F) Inspection standards for food processing plants.** The following are the inspection standards for food processing plants including food storage facilities.

**31.2(1) Definitions.** For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions shall apply. The definitions of “food,” “label,” “labeling,” and “dietary supplement” are as defined in 21 U.S.C. Section 321 (2012).

**31.2(2) Prohibited acts.** The prohibited acts identified in 21 U.S.C. Section 331(a) to (f), (k), and (v) (2012) shall also be prohibited acts in Iowa.

**31.2(3) Stop sale.** Any article of food that is adulterated or misbranded when introduced into commerce may be embargoed until such a time as the adulteration of misbranding is remedied or the product is destroyed. The action is immediate, but the licensee may appeal the decision following the process outlined in rule 481—30.11(10A,137C,137D,137F).

**31.2(4) Standards for food.** If a standard that has been adopted for a food is adopted pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 341 (2012), the standard shall be met.

**31.2(5) Adulterated food.** See rule 481—31.3(137D,137F).

**31.2(6) Misbranded food.** A food shall be misbranded if it is found in violation of 21 U.S.C. Section 343 (2012).

**31.2(7) New dietary ingredients.** New dietary ingredients shall comply with the process in 21 U.S.C. Section 350(b) (2012) or shall be deemed adulterated.

**31.2(8) Records.** Records shall be made available at minimum to the extent required under 21 U.S.C. Section 373 (2012) for all interstate and intrastate food.

**31.2(9) Adoption of Code of Federal Regulations.** The following parts of the Code of Federal Regulations (April 1, 2013) are adopted:

- a.* 21 CFR Part 1, Sections 1.20 to 1.24 (labeling).
- b.* 21 CFR Part 7, Sections 7.1 to 7.13 and 7.40 to 7.59 (guaranty and recalls).
- c.* 21 CFR Part 70, Sections 70.20 to 70.25 (labeling requirements for colors).
- d.* 21 CFR Part 73, Sections 73.1 to 73.615 (color additives exempt from certification).
- e.* 21 CFR Part 81, general specifications and general restrictions for provisional color additives for use in foods, drugs, and cosmetics.
- f.* 21 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.3 to 82.706 (certified provisionally listed colors and specifications).
- g.* 21 CFR Part 100, Section 100.155 (specific provisions for salt and iodized salt).
- h.* 21 CFR Part 101, except Sections 101.69 and 101.108 (food labeling).
- i.* 21 CFR Part 102, except Section 102.19 (common or usual name for nonstandard food).
- j.* 21 CFR Part 104, nutritional quality guidelines for foods.
- k.* 21 CFR Part 105, food for special dietary use.
- l.* 21 CFR Part 106, except Section 106.120 (infant formula quality control procedures).
- m.* 21 CFR Part 107, except Sections 107.200 to 107.280 (infant formula labeling).
- n.* 21 CFR Part 108, Sections 108.25 to 108.35 (exceptions for when a permit is not required, acidified and thermal processing of low-acid foods packaged in hermetically sealed containers).
- o.* 21 CFR Part 109, unavoidable contaminants in food for human consumption and food-packaging material.
- p.* 21 CFR Part 110, current good manufacturing practice in manufacturing, packing or holding human food.
- q.* 21 CFR Part 111, current good manufacturing practice in manufacturing, packaging, labeling, or holding operations for dietary supplements.
- r.* 21 CFR Part 113, thermally processed low-acid food packaged in hermetically sealed containers.
- s.* 21 CFR Part 114, acidified foods.
- t.* 21 CFR Part 115, shell eggs.
- u.* 21 CFR Part 120, hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) systems (juice).
- v.* 21 CFR Part 123, fish and fisheries products (seafood).
- w.* 21 CFR Part 129, processing and bottling of bottled drinking water.
- x.* 21 CFR Part 130, except Sections 130.5, 130.6 and 130.17, food standards: general.
- y.* 21 CFR Part 131, milk and cream.
- z.* 21 CFR Part 133, cheeses and related cheese products.
- aa.* 21 CFR Part 135, frozen desserts.
- ab.* 21 CFR Part 136, bakery products.
- ac.* 21 CFR Part 137, cereal flours and related products.
- ad.* 21 CFR Part 139, macaroni and noodle products.
- ae.* 21 CFR Part 145, canned fruits.
- af.* 21 CFR Part 146, canned fruit juices.
- ag.* 21 CFR Part 150, fruit butters, jellies, preserves, and related products.
- ah.* 21 CFR Part 152, fruit pies.
- ai.* 21 CFR Part 156, vegetable juices.
- aj.* 21 CFR Part 158, frozen vegetables.
- ak.* 21 CFR Part 160, egg and egg products.
- al.* 21 CFR Part 161, fish and shellfish.
- am.* 21 CFR Part 163, cacao products.
- an.* 21 CFR Part 164, tree nut and peanut products.
- ao.* 21 CFR Part 165, beverages.
- ap.* 21 CFR Part 166, margarine.
- aq.* 21 CFR Part 168, sweeteners and table syrups.
- ar.* 21 CFR Part 169, food dressings and flavorings.
- as.* 21 CFR Part 170, except Sections 170.6, 170.15, and 170.17, food additives.
- at.* 21 CFR Part 172, food additives permitted for direct addition to food for human consumption.

- au.* 21 CFR Part 173, secondary direct food additives permitted in food for human consumption.
- av.* 21 CFR Part 174, indirect food additives: general.
- aw.* 21 CFR Part 175, indirect food additives: adhesives and components of coatings.
- ax.* 21 CFR Part 176, indirect food additives: paper and paperboard components.
- ay.* 21 CFR Part 177, indirect food additives: polymers.
- az.* 21 CFR Part 178, indirect food additives: adjuvants, production aids, and sanitizers.
- ba.* 21 CFR Part 180, food additives permitted in food or in contact with food on an interim basis pending additional study.
- bb.* 21 CFR Part 181, prior-sanctioned food ingredients.
- bc.* 21 CFR Part 182, substances generally recognized as safe.
- bd.* 21 CFR Part 184, direct food substances affirmed as generally recognized as safe.
- be.* 21 CFR Part 186, indirect food substances affirmed as generally recognized as safe.
- bf.* 21 CFR Part 189, substances prohibited from use in human food.
- bg.* 21 CFR Part 190, dietary supplements.

**31.2(10) *Egg products processing plants.*** The department shall generally use the good manufacturing practices adopted in paragraph 31.2(9) “b,” unless such practices are inconsistent with standards set by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Inspection Service, in 9 CFR Parts 590-592, January 1, 2013. If the standards are inconsistent, the standards adopted in 9 CFR Parts 590-592, January 1, 2013, apply.

**31.2(11) *Specific requirements for the manufacture of packaged ice.*** In addition to compliance with subrules 31.2(1) through 31.2(9), manufacturers of packaged ice must comply with the following:

- a.* Equipment must be cleaned on a schedule of frequency that prevents the accumulation of mold, fungus and bacteria. A formal cleaning program and schedule which include the use of sanitizers to eliminate microorganisms must be developed and used.
- b.* Packaged ice must be tested every 120 days for the presence of bacteria.
- c.* Plants that use a nonpublic water system must sample the water supply monthly for the presence of bacteria and annually for chemical and pesticide contamination as required by law.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 137F.2.  
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**481—31.3(137D,137F) Adulterated food and disposal.** No one may produce, distribute, offer for sale or sell adulterated food. “Adulterated” is defined in the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, Section 402. Adulterated food shall be disposed of in a reasonable manner as determined by the department. The destruction of adulterated food shall be watched by a person approved by the department.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 137F.2.  
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**481—31.4(137D,137F) False label or defacement.** No person shall use any label required by Iowa Code chapter 137C or 137F which is deceptive as to the true nature of the article or place of production, or which has been carelessly printed or marked, nor shall any person erase or deface any label required by this chapter.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 137D.2 and 137F.2.  
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**481—31.5(137F) Temporary food establishments and farmers market potentially hazardous food licensees.** While the retail food code adopted in rule 481—31.1(137F) applies to temporary food establishments, the following subrules provide a simplified version of requirements for temporary food establishments. If the two rules are inconsistent, the standards in this rule apply.

- 31.5(1) *Personnel.*** For the purposes of this rule, employees include volunteers.
- a.* Employees shall keep their hands and exposed portions of their arms clean.
  - b.* Employees shall have clean garments and aprons and effective hair restraints. Smoking, eating or drinking in food booths is not allowed. All nonworking, unauthorized persons are to be kept out of the food booth.

c. All employees, including volunteers, shall be under the direction of the person in charge. The person in charge shall ensure that the workers are effectively cleaning their hands, that potentially hazardous food is adequately cooked, held or cooled, and that all multiuse equipment or utensils are adequately washed, rinsed and sanitized.

d. Employees and volunteers shall not work at a temporary food establishment or farmers market potentially hazardous food establishment if the employees and volunteers have open cuts, sores or communicable diseases. The person in charge shall take appropriate action to ensure that employees and volunteers who have a disease or medical condition transmissible by food are excluded from the food operation.

e. Every employee and volunteer must sign a logbook with the employee's or volunteer's name, address, and telephone number and the date and hours worked. The logbook must be maintained for 30 days by the person in charge and be made available to the department upon request.

**31.5(2) Food handling and service.**

a. *Dry storage.* All food, equipment, utensils and single-service items shall be stored off the ground and above the floor on pallets, tables or shelving.

b. *Cold storage.* Refrigeration units shall be provided to keep potentially hazardous foods at 41°F or below. The inspector may approve an effectively insulated, hard-sided container with sufficient coolant for storage of less hazardous food or the use of such a container at events of short duration if the container maintains the temperature at 41°F or below.

c. *Hot storage.* Hot food storage units shall be used to keep potentially hazardous food at 135°F or above. Electrical equipment is required for hot holding, unless the use of propane stoves and grills capable of holding the temperature at 135°F or above is approved by the department. Sterno cans are allowed for hot holding if adequate temperatures can be maintained. Steam tables or other hot holding devices are not allowed to heat foods and are to be used only for hot holding after foods have been adequately cooked.

d. *Cooking temperatures.* As specified in the following chart, the minimum cooking temperatures for food products are:

165°F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Poultry and game animals that are not commercially raised</li> <li>● Products stuffed or in a stuffing that contains fish, meat, pasta, poultry or ratite</li> <li>● All products cooked in a microwave oven</li> </ul>
155°F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rabbits, ratite and game meats that are commercially raised</li> <li>● Ground or comminuted (such as hamburgers) meat/fish products</li> <li>● Raw shell eggs not prepared for immediate consumption</li> </ul>
145°F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pork and raw shell eggs prepared for immediate consumption</li> <li>● Fish and other meat products not requiring a 155°F or 165°F cooking temperature as listed above</li> </ul>

e. *Consumer advisory requirement.* If raw or undercooked animal food such as beef, eggs, fish, lamb, poultry or shellfish is offered in ready-to-eat form, the license holder (person in charge) shall post the consumer advisory as required by the food code.

f. *Thermometers.* Each refrigeration unit shall have a numerically scaled thermometer to measure the air temperature of the unit accurately. An appropriate thermometer shall be provided where necessary to check the internal temperature of both hot and cold food. Thermometers must be accurate and have a range from 0°F to 220°F.

g. *Food display.* Foods on display must be covered. The public is not allowed to serve itself from opened containers of food or uncovered food items. Condiments such as ketchup, mustard, coffee creamer and sugar shall be served in individual packets or from squeeze containers or pump bottles. Milk shall be dispensed from the original container or from an approved dispenser. All fruits and vegetables must be washed before being used or sold. Food must be stored at least six inches off the ground. All cooking and serving areas shall be adequately protected from contamination. Barbeque areas shall be roped off or otherwise protected from the public. All food shall be protected from customer handling, coughing or sneezing by wrapping, sneeze guards or other effective means.



*h. Food preparation.* Unless otherwise approved by a variance from the department, no bare-hand contact of ready-to-eat food shall occur.

*i. Approved food source.* All food supplies shall come from a commercial manufacturer or an approved source. The use of food in hermetically sealed containers that is not prepared in an approved food processing plant is prohibited. Transport vehicles used to supply food products are subject to inspection and shall protect food from physical, chemical and microbial contamination.

*j. Leftovers.* Hot-held foods that are not used by the end of the day must be discarded.

**31.5(3) Utensil storage and warewashing.**

*a. Single-service utensils.* The use of single-service plates, cups and tableware is required.

*b. Dishwashing.* If approved, an adequate means to heat the water and a minimum of three basins large enough for complete immersion of the utensils are required to wash, rinse and sanitize utensils or food-contact equipment.

*c. Sanitizers.* Chlorine bleach or another approved sanitizer shall be provided for warewashing sanitization and wiping cloths. An appropriate test kit shall be provided to check the concentration of the sanitizer used. The person in charge shall demonstrate knowledge in the determination of the correct concentration of sanitizer to be used.

*d. Wiping cloths.* Wiping cloths shall be stored in a clean, 100 ppm chlorine sanitizing solution or equivalent. Sanitizing solution shall be changed as needed to maintain the solution in a clean condition.

**31.5(4) Water.**

*a. Water supply.* An adequate supply of clean water shall be provided from an approved source. Water storage units and hoses shall be food grade and approved for use in storage of water. If not permanently attached, hoses used to convey drinking water shall be clearly and indelibly identified as to their use. Water supply systems shall be protected against backflow or contamination of the water supply. Backflow prevention devices, if required, shall be maintained and adequate for their intended purpose.

*b. Wastewater disposal.* Wastewater shall be disposed of in an approved wastewater disposal system sized, constructed, maintained and operated according to law.

**31.5(5) Premises.**

*a. Hand-washing container.* An insulated container with at least a two-gallon capacity with a spigot, basin, soap and dispensed paper towels shall be provided for hand washing. The container shall be filled with hot water.

*b. Floors, walls and ceilings.* If required, walls and ceilings shall be of tight design and weather-resistant materials to protect against the elements and flying insects. If required, floors shall be constructed of tight wood, asphalt, rubber or plastic matting or other cleanable material to control dust or mud.

*c. Lighting.* Adequate lighting shall be provided. Lights above exposed food preparation areas shall be shielded.

*d. Food preparation surfaces.* All food preparation or food contact surfaces shall be of a safe design, smooth, easily cleanable and durable.

*e. Garbage containers.* An adequate number of cleanable containers with tight-fitting covers shall be provided both inside and outside the establishment.

*f. Toilet rooms.* An adequate number of approved toilet and hand-washing facilities shall be provided at each event.

*g. Clothing.* Personal clothing and belongings shall be stored at a designated place in the establishment, adequately separated from food preparation, food service and dishwashing areas.

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