



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH County of Riverside

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DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

CAL CODE INSPECTION FORM

On July 1st 2007 the State of California replaced the then current food law commonly known as California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law (CURFFL) with the California Retail Food Code (Cal Code). To coincide with that change the County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health had to change their retail food facility inspection form to match more closely the style and types of violations that are now being referenced in Cal Code.

The new form incorporates some new elements and also takes some direct influence from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) model inspection form as well. The form incorporates some required inspection reporting elements as well as new items not used with the prior report. The intent of this document is to provide a simple overview of some key features of the new form and how it relates to your inspection.

Violation Groupings

You will notice the two columns of violations on the form which have a different look and feel from each other. This is in part a way to put emphasis on the more severe violation types that have been identified in Cal Code and also to mirror inspection concepts from the FDA.

Violations 1 thru 23 are the primary set of violations, whereas violations 24 thru 53 are the secondary violations. The label of primary and secondary doesn't define severity or necessity of correction but dictates what type of reporting is required for these violations. Primary violation, located in column one, must be addressed by the inspector at every facility inspection. One of the reporting element categories must be marked on the inspection form for each of these primary violations. Primary violations also have the potential of being marked as a major violation, whereas secondary violations need only be noted if a violation of that type is observed.

Primary Violations - Reporting Elements

In the left hand column, next to the violation number, are the first three of the required reporting elements for each violation. It is comprised of three possible outcomes, IN, N/O and N/A

- IN – If this option is marked then a the item on the report was found to be “**In-Compliance**” with Cal Code and no action is required
- N/O – If this option is marked then that item may be applicable to the operation but no operations of that type were observed (**Not Observed**) at the time of inspection and no further action is required
- N/A – If this option is marked then that item is “**Not Applicable**” to the type of facility that is being inspected and no further action is required

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If one of the above items is not checked or noted next to primary violation then the boxes to the right of the primary violation description come into play. There are 4 boxes that may have information noted in them that include COS, MAJ, OUT and PTS.

- COS – If this item is marked then a violation was noted but was “Corrected On Site”.
- MAJ – If this item is marked then the violation is a “Major” violation and requires immediate correction.
- OUT – If this item is marked then the facility is “Out of Compliance”, a violation has been noted and correction is required
- PTS – This denotes how many Points may be taken for a violation of one of these items.

Secondary Violations – Reporting Elements

Secondary violations in the right hand column are only marked in the right hand boxes as OUT (Out of compliance) if a violation exists and the PTS boxes shows the points taken for that violation.

*Document available in an alternate format upon request