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TO: All Local Health Departments (LHD's)
Attn: Medical Director / Health Officer / Director of Environmental Health
Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA)
Attn: Food and Dairy Division Managers

FROM: Kevin Besey, Manager
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SUBJECT: Food Law Implementation Overview

Amendments to the Food Law of 2000 were signed into law by the governor on October 16, 2007. The new law will be referred to as the Food Law of 2000, as amended. Sections of the law relating to fees become effective January 1, 2008. All other sections become effective April 1, 2008. Copies of the changes are attached as two separate files (the amendments were passed as two separate bills).

This memo is intended to provide an overview of key implementation activities and timelines. Individuals are encouraged to contact MDA with suggestions for additional activities.

October 2007 - January 2008

- Regulator training conducted statewide. Go to <https://mi.train.org> to register for a session.
- Printing and distribution to agencies of:
 - Food Law and 2005 Food Code booklets. An 8.5X11" food code booklet will be printed that has a full index for daily use by regulators and as a handout to industry.
 - One hard cover version of the Food Code, complete with annexes will be provided to each LHD office location and MDA regional office.
 - We are also hoping to provide an electronic 2005 Food Code version on CD.
 - Industry handout covering key changes (some pre-printed will be available or copy as needed).
- Documents made available for printing as needed by agencies:
 - Food Code violations reference sheet that can be printed and/or laminated.

- Fact sheets on datemarking and consumer advisory.
- Complete and distribute excel violation table to assist agencies in updating electronic inspection systems.
- Relevant MDA website updates to be determined.
- Issue guidance on various aspects of law and code changes.
- Develop draft manager certification rules and pursue rules adoption by January, 2009.
- Local health recommended activities:
 - Work with schools and local boards regarding school fee issues.
 - Have regulatory staff attend training.
 - Identify needed updates for local web pages and paper documents, as needed.
 - Begin developing revised policies as needed, once MDA guidance is received.

January – March 2008

- MDA website updates completed.
- Develop optional risk-based inspection schedule for local health.
- Complete modifying draft cycle 4 MPR's to include any modifications necessary to make future accreditation reviews clearly defined and allow for a smooth transition.
- Advise national chains and national educational companies of new requirements related to manager certification and consumer advisories.
- Provide statewide notification of manager certification requirements to educators, trainers, etc.
- Develop industry training (powerpoint) for regulator use.
- Local health recommended activities:
 - Begin informing establishments of key changes during inspections, through newsletters, web sites and during any industry meetings.
 - Complete needed updates for local web pages and paper documents by various law implementation dates.
 - Work with local educational community regarding helping to provide manager certification educational courses, as needed.
 - Update electronic inspection systems by April 1, 2008.

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