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**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn.: Health Officer/Director of Environmental Health/Chief Sanitarian

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**SUBJECT: No Further “Multiples” Issued for Food Service Establishment Licenses**

In the past, some food service establishments with multiple units under a single roof and single management were issued “multiples.” These multiples essentially were separate license numbers to allow tracking individual units falling under the umbrella of a single food service establishment license. Please be aware that the new licensing software of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) will no longer support the issuance of multiples.

Therefore, effective with all new establishments and license renewals, MDA will no longer issue multiples. Each application for a multiple will be treated as a separate license application, and the appropriate state surcharges will be assessed.

Local health departments who found multiples useful should implement their own internal tracking systems.

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