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**CT ADOPTS FDA FOOD CODE**

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Dear Food Service Establishment Owner/Operator:

Please accept this letter as notification that the State of CT adopted the FDA Model Food Code this past legislative session. Full implementation will become effective July 1, 2018. The FDA Food Code will replace the CT Public Health Code regulations that we have been using for many years. There will be a number of changes relative to inspections, standards and training that will likely impact your establishment.

The following is a preliminary breakout of some of the key changes you can expect:

**Effective July 1, 2017-** establishments that acidify sushi rice or utilize a sous vide cooking process are required to obtain a variance from the CT Department of Public Health. Please contact me if you intend to use these techniques.

**Effective October 1, 2017**

- Cold holding temperatures will decrease from **45°F** or below to **41°F** or below.
- Hot holding temperatures will be reduced from a minimum of **140°F** to a minimum of **135°F**.
- Food establishments will be reclassified to meet the FDA food classification definitions. This may reduce the number of annual inspections at your establishment. Adjustments will be made accordingly to license renewal fees for July 1, 2018.
- Qualified Food Operators (QFOs) will become known as Certified Food Protection Managers. **Expiration dates on your training certificate will be enforced.** If your certificate has expired, you will be required to obtain a current certificate. Please start planning now to ensure that your training is up to date. There are 5 training providers currently recognized by the FDA including:
  - 360training.com, Inc.
  - AboveTraining/StateFoodSafety.com
  - National Registry of Food Safety Professionals
  - National Restaurant Association
  - Prometric Inc.

A couple of additional changes will include a new inspection form and a requirement that food establishments register with the CT Department of Public Health. More information to follow.

Please contact me should you have any questions or need any additional information. I can be reached at (860)663-1765 x223 or [phutcheon@townofkillingworth.com](mailto:phutcheon@townofkillingworth.com).

Please share this information with your staff.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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