

# NOTABLE UPDATES TO THE RETAIL FOOD INSPECTION GUIDE

The Environmental Health Retail Food Inspection Guide (**Guide**), <http://bit.ly/3HCU1Q4>, was recently updated to align with the California Retail Food Inspection Guide. The guide is intended to support the inspection team with proper documentation of the Food Official Inspection Report and help food business owners understand the importance of complying with food safety laws.

Business owners are encouraged to contact the inspectors to clarify any concerns about the inspection report since the guide is not all-inclusive. If a business owner has concerns related to the inspection process, they may contact our Quality Assurance Program at (626) 430-5300.

## POINT CHANGES

The items listed below summarize changes in violation categories which affect the deduction of points from the overall facility score. Refer to the Guide for examples of violations.



### • Food Contact Surface; Clean and Sanitized

- This violation was previously marked as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction for food-contact surfaces that did not contact PHF and were not cleaned and sanitized. All instances of contamination of food contact surfaces **are now** marked as a **MAJOR** violation with a 4-point deduction.

**Example:** Interior surfaces of ice machines and soda dispenser nozzles

### • Time as a public health control; procedures & records

- This violation was previously marked as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction for no written procedures for foods using TPHC, it **is now** marked as a **MAJOR** violation with a 4-point deduction.

### • Food obtained from approved source

- This violation was previously marked as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction or a **MAJOR** violation with a 4-point deduction, it **is now only** marked as a **MAJOR** violation with a 4-point deduction.

### • Food Properly Labeled & Honestly Presented

- Expired baby food/infant formula was previously marked under Food in Good Condition, Safe, and Unadulterated violation category as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction, it **is now** marked as a **Good Retail Practice Violation** with a 1-point deduction.

### • Wiping Cloths; Properly Used and Stored

- Wiping cloths stored in a sanitizer solution that measures less than the approved concentration was previously marked as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction or a **MAJOR** violation with a 4-point deduction, it **is now** marked under a **Good Retail Practice Violation** with a 1-point deduction when no contamination of food-contact surfaces is observed.

### • Plan Review:

- Previously this category had no point deduction. It is now marked as a **Good Retail Practice Violation** with a 1-point deduction.

### • Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display:

- This violation was previously marked as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction, and can now be marked as either **MINOR** with 2-point deduction or **MAJOR** with a 4-point deduction.

#### **Example:**

- **MINOR:** Shellstock tags/labels are not maintained in chronological order.
- **MAJOR:** Shellstock is not obtained/received with proper tags or labels.

### • Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations

- This violation was previously marked as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction, it **is now** marked as a **MAJOR** violation with a 4-point deduction.

### • Compliance with variance, specialized processes & HACCP

- This violation was previously marked as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction, it **is now** marked as a **MAJOR** violation with a 4-point deduction.

### • Sewage and wastewater properly disposed

- This violation was previously marked as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction or a **MAJOR** violation with an 11-point deduction, it **is now** only marked as a **MAJOR** violation with an 11-point deduction.

**Note:** Violations that were previously marked as MINOR in this category are now marked as a **Good Retail Practice Violation** with a 1-point deduction.

### • No discharge from eyes, nose, or mouth

- This violation was previously marked as a **MINOR** violation with a 2-point deduction, it **is now** marked as a **MAJOR** violation with a 4-point deduction.



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