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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLOOD SANITATION RETAIL FOOD STORES, FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS, AND WAREHOUSES**

During natural disasters, especially floods, foodstuffs may be contaminated by flood water rendering many of these items unfit for human consumption or use,

The importance of preventing the consumption or use of these items necessitates the prompt destruction of such products to eliminate any threat to public health.

"When owners, warehouse supervisors, transportation agencies, food processors, and others voluntarily follow advice of the health department concerning the disposition of contaminated or unwholesome foodstuffs, household products, medicines and cosmetics, no formal seizure action will be taken. When necessary, embargoes will be placed on such items and other appropriate legal action taken to protect the health of the public.

Items exposed to flood waters are not to be sold or disposed of in any manner unless prior approval has been given in writing by the Health Department.

When requested by a sanitarian, the owner, proprietor, or person-in-charge shall provide an accurate, signed inventory of such merchandise,

No damaged or flooded foodstuff, household products, medicines or cosmetics shall be sold or given to any commercial salvage concerns or other persons coming into an area for the purpose of buying/obtaining such items. Such concerns or persons should be reported to the Health Department.

The following information may be useful as a guide in determining the disposition of foodstuffs, household products, medicines and cosmetics:

1. All fruits and vegetable products coming into contact with flood waters or other contaminating material shall be destroyed in a manner approved by the Health Department.
2. All meats shall be destroyed in a manner approved by the Health Department.

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- 3 Products such as breakfast cereals, bakery goods, condiments, dried fruits, dried milk, flour, milk in glass, paper or plastic containers, and similar foodstuffs that have been exposed to flood waters, shall be destroyed in a manner approved by the Health Department.
- 4 Food and other products in commercially sealed containers and exposed to flood waters shall be deemed to have no salvage value and shall be destroyed in a manner approved by the Health Department.
- 5 All items, including food and beverages packed in screw cap or crimp cap containers, shall, if exposed to flood waters, be destroyed in a manner approved by the Health Department.
- 6 AU perishable foodstuffs (items requiring refrigeration) which have been without refrigeration for more than 4 hours, shall be destroyed in a manner approved by the Health Department even if not exposed to flood waters.
- 7 Other products, such as tobacco in any form, household products, or medicines and cosmetics which may come into contact with the public's hands or mouth, or any other household supplies which may endanger the health of the public by transmitting or spreading flood contaminated material, shall be disposed of or salvaged in a manner approved by the Health Department.

*All* retail food stores, food service establishments, food processing plants, and warehouses shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before reopening for business, and shall not engage in such business activity until inspected and issued approval for reopening by the Health Department.



**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF EMBARGO – SEIZURE**

Establishment Where Seized: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner, Operator, Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, you are hereby notified that effective at \_\_\_\_\_ on this  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, that product embargo-seizure action has been  
taken as described herein.

SEIZURE NOTICE: The following material(s) is (are) suspected of being in violation of Chapter 16, Article 7, Pure Food  
and Drugs, Public Health Laws of West Virginia. The seized material identified below is not to be removed from the  
premises, sold, or used until released by written order from the State Director of Health, or by order of a court of  
competent jurisdiction.

LOCATION OF MATERIAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>IDENTITY OF FOODSTUFFS OR MATERIAL(S)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Seizure order given to \_\_\_\_\_ of said establishment on this the \_\_\_\_\_  
(owner, operator, manager, agent)  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

SAMPLE(S) COLLECTED:  YES  No

If sample(s) collected, attach copy of Food Filth Analysis Form or other applicable laboratory forms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SANITARIAN



**REPORT ON DESTRUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS OR MATERIAL(S)**

Establishment or Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner, Operator, Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Material(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Materials Previously Seized:  YES  No Date of Seizure: \_\_\_\_\_

The foodstuffs or material(s) identified below were declared unfit and unsafe for human consumption due to: \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY	IDENTITY OF FOODSTUFFS OR MATERIAL(S)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Method of Destruction or Denaturing: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Destroyed Material(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby certify that the foodstuffs or material(s) listed above were disposed of in the manner described above under by direct supervision on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SANITARIAN