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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUAM FOOD CODE**

The Department of Public Health and Social Services would like to inform the public, and remind the food industry, that the Guam Food Code is now officially in effect. The Guam Food Code is the island's new regulations that govern the safe and sanitary operations of the island's food establishments (i.e., restaurants, bakeries, caterers, retail stores, and stall stands). The Guam Food Code, which went into effect November 5, 2014, has replaced the "Rules and Regulations Governing Eating and Drinking Establishments" that was adopted 30 years ago.

In preparing for the Guam Food Code's implementation, the Division of Environmental Health (DEH) worked with the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association and the Guam Food Safety Task Force in providing over 20 training presentations about the Guam Food Code to many food establishments on island. Also, three USDA trainers provided a week-long training to DEH and military personnel, and invited guests from the private sector, about plan review and specialized food processing to familiarize and educate the attendees about the subjects and its regulatory control in the Guam Food Code.

The Guam Food Code is available to view and download at this Department's web page, <http://www.dphss.guam.gov/document/guam-food-code-annex>.

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