

Fact Sheet on Consumer Advisory

Guam Food CODE Five Food Safety Interventions

Foods from animals (i.e., beef, eggs, fish, lamb, milk, pork, poultry or shellfish) when eaten raw or undercooked sometimes contain harmful viruses and bacteria that can pose a risk of foodborne illness. Young children, pregnant women, older adults and those with immuno-compromised systems are particularly at risk.

A consumer advisory is a written advisory to inform consumers of the potential health risk of eating raw or undercooked foods.

How should this information be presented to consumers?

The consumer advisory can be presented by using brochures, deli case or menu advisories, label statements, table tents, placards, or other effective written means. The text must be readable and in the same language as the menu. Text size should be at least 11 point.



What foods are involved?

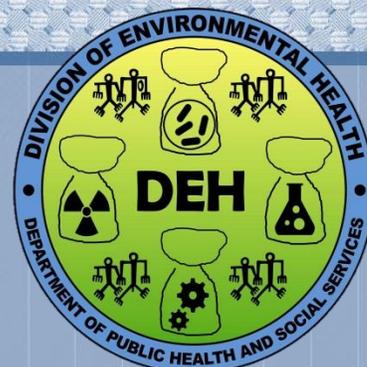
- Raw or undercooked foods of animal origin
- Unpasteurized fruit and vegetable juices packaged in a food establishment

What types of food dishes require a consumer advisory?

- Kelaguen (chicken, beef, fish, and shellfish)
- Caesar salad dressing containing raw eggs
- Fresh squeezed unpasteurized juices
- Meringue may contain undercooked egg whites
- Raw oysters
- Sushi

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A consumer advisory must be in the form of a **DISCLOSURE** or a **REMINDER**.

DISCLOSURE – A written statement that clearly identifies animal foods which are (or can be ordered) raw or undercooked, or that contain an ingredient that is raw or undercooked. The disclosure must include:

- A description of the animal-derived foods, such as “oysters on the half shell (raw oysters),” “raw-egg Caesar salad” and “hamburgers (can be cooked to order);” or
- Identification of the animal-derived foods by asterisking (*) them to a footnote that states the items are served raw or undercooked, or contain raw or undercooked ingredients.

REMINDER – A written statement concerning the health risk of consuming animal foods raw, or undercooked. The reminder must include asterisking the animal-derived foods requiring disclosure to a footnote that states:

- “Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness;” or
- “Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions;” or
- “Regarding the safety of these items, written information is available upon request”

MENU

Hamburgers*
Cheeseburgers*
Bacon
Cheeseburger*
Fish Burger*

*Can be cooked to order. Consuming raw or undercooked meats may increase your risk of foodborne illness.

Example 1. Disclosure and Reminder to a Footnote.



MENU

Garden Salad
Chef's Salad
Caesar Salad (contains raw eggs)*

NOTICE: Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have a medical condition.

Example 2. Disclosure as a Description. Reminder to a Footnote.



MENU

Oysters on the Half Shell (raw oysters)*
Sushi*

*Regarding the safety of these items, written information is available upon request.

Example 3. Disclosure as a Description. Reminder to a Brochure.



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