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Consumer Protection Program Newsletter

Dear Mendocino County Facility Operators,

Permit fees have recently increased and will take effect on February 7, 2024. Please read the enclosed memo for additional information regarding invoicing and making payment plans.

Our Food Safety Manager Certification Class will not be offered in 2024. Please reach out to your inspector or follow the link on our webpage to a list of alternate Food Safety Manager Certification Providers. They offer the class in person as well as a remotely online.

For food facilities required to operate from a commissary, please submit a new updated commissary form to Environmental Health if/when the commissary agreement expires, or the commissary has changed.

Please be aware of Assembly Bill 418 banning the listed ingredients below was adopted this year and takes effect on January 1, 2027:

“SECTION 1.

This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the California Food Safety Act.

SEC. 2.

Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 109025) is added to Part 3 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

**CHAPTER 17. Food Safety
109025.**

(a) Commencing January 1, 2027, a person or entity shall not manufacture, sell, deliver, distribute, hold, or offer for sale, in commerce a food product for human consumption that contains any of the following substances:

- (1) Brominated vegetable oil (CAS no. 8016-94-2).
- (2) Potassium bromate (CAS no. 7758-01-2).
- (3) Propylparaben (CAS no. 94-13-3).
- (4) Red dye 3 (CAS no. 16423-68-0).

(b) (1) Upon an action brought by the Attorney General, a city attorney, a county counsel, or a district attorney, a person or entity that violates subdivision (a) shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a first violation, and not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each subsequent violation.

(2) This section does not impair or impede any other rights, causes of action, claims, or defenses available under any other law. The remedies provided in this section are cumulative with any other remedies available under any other law.”

Please visit our website at: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/ph/consumer-protection> .
We here at the Environmental Health Division wish you all a safe new year.

Sincerely,

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