Consumer Advisory

(Food Code Sections 3-603.11, 3-401.11(D)(2) and Food Law Section 6149)

Michigan Department of AGRICULTURE & Rural Development

Children's Menus:
The 2009 Food Code under 3-401.11 (D)(2) requires that comminuted meat (e.g., hamburgers) served or offered for service on a children's menu cannot be included as part of the consumer advisory. Consumer advisories on current children's menus will need to be changed to reflect this.

Options for Consumer Advisories:
There are currently two ways to post a menu advisory for raw or undercooked animal-based foods offered on a menu. Most existing menu advisories that complied with the previous law won't need to be changed, except for children's menus.

The advisory for either option no longer has to be placed in a specific location on the menu, deli case, menu board, or whatever consumers read to make their order selections.

Option 1: (Food Law section 289.6149)
Place the following statement on the main menu:

"Ask your server about menu items that are cooked to order or served raw. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness."

This option does not require specific foods served raw or undercooked be identified on the menu. Although, servers will need to be aware that hamburgers or any other comminuted meat offered on the kids menu cannot be offered undercooked or raw

Option 2: (Food Code section 3-603.11)
Identify undercooked animal-based foods with disclosure **and** reminder.

1. The disclosure can be done in two ways:

- Use statements, such as "oysters on the half shell (raw oysters)," "raw-egg Caesar salad," and "hamburgers (can be cooked to order);"**or**
- Asterisk (*) undercooked foods to a footnote stating the items are served raw or undercooked, or contain (or may contain) raw or undercooked ingredients.

Note: Neither of the above disclosure methods can now be used on the children's menu for comminuted meats (e.g., hamburgers).

2. The reminder footnote shall include one of the following statements verbatim:

- 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.

Example:

Menu item: ***Caesar Salad**

Disclosure:
***Contains raw or undercooked ingredients.**

Reminder:
Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.