



Consumer Advisory

(Food Code Section 3-603.11 and Food Law Section 6149)

There are now 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.

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.

The advisory may be changed to be product specific if some of the food items listed aren't offered. For example, if the menu contains no raw items, and only contains undercooked beef or egg products, the advisory would read like this:

“Ask your server about menu items that are cooked to order. Consuming undercooked meats or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.”

Option 2: (Food Code section 3-603.11)

Identify undercooked animal-based foods with a 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.

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.