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Attn: Food and Dairy Division Managers

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SUBJECT: Temporary Food Establishment License Guidance

In accordance with updated requirements in the Michigan Food Law, a guidance document has been developed to accommodate uniform application regarding the option of limiting multiple temporary licenses.

The Food Law, §289.4103(6) states: "The director may issue a temporary food establishment license. The director, pursuant to uniformly applied department guidance, may decline to issue multiple temporary food establishment licenses for the same establishment within a given calendar year."

Attached is the Temporary Food Establishment License Guidance. This guidance should be applied by regulatory agencies that decide to utilize the option provided in the above mentioned section of law. The guidance provides:

- Examples of conditions when an agency may limit multiple temporary licenses.
- Conditions when a one year exemption may apply to former holders of a Special Transitory Food Unit (STFU) license.
- Other licensing options
- Other clarification to ensure uniform application of the law.

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