



BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRANS FAT BAN ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE



Beginning on September 20, 2009, foods with a trans fat content of 0.5 grams per serving or greater will be prohibited from sale or distribution.

Summary of the law:

- The citation for enforcement: Health Code § 6-507
- What foods contain trans fat?
 - Vegetable shortening
 - Margarine
 - Any kind of partially hydrogenated vegetable oil
- What is prohibited?

Foods with a trans fat content of 0.5 grams per serving or greater.

Exception: Commercially packaged foods sold directly to the consumer are not subject to this prohibition.

Enforcement Procedure:

Environmental Sanitarians will be responsible for enforcing the trans fat prohibition.

- Only moderate and high priority food service facilities will be affected.
- During a facilities annual comprehensive inspection, the sanitarian will review food labels as required by COMAR 10.15.03.12.
- Labels will be reviewed to see whether vegetable shortening, margarine or any kind of partially hydrogenated vegetable oil is contained in the product. If these ingredients are found, the trans fat content will then be reviewed.
- Any foods containing more than 0.5 grams of trans fat per serving will be listed on the violation notice. The sanitarian will require the facility owner or manager to dispose of the product immediately.
- Repeat violation of this law may constitute an order for the immediate closure of the facility. Failure to comply may also result in the suspension or revocation of an establishment's food license.