

N.J. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, (OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

Law, Rules and Regulation Governing Egg-Breaking Establishments

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(Title 24, Chapter 11, Revised Statutes)

24:11-1. License. No person shall operate or conduct an establishment where the business of breaking eggs is carried on, whether such eggs are broken for use as food or for other purposes, unless a license to conduct such business has first been issued by the state department to the owner, operator or manager of such establishment.

24:11-2. Revocation of license. The state department may revoke any such license if the establishment for which it is issued is not conducted in accordance with the requirements of law and the rules and regulations made by the department.

No establishment for the breaking of eggs shall continue to be operated after the revocation of such license by the department.

24:11-3. Eggs unfit for food. No egg shall be broken for use as food:

a. Which has decomposed to such an extent that it has a putrefactive odor and is, therefore, of that grade commonly known as "rots"; or

b. Which is wholly or partially decomposed, mouldy, or sour, or which is partially hatched, contains blood rings or veins, or in which the yolk is broken, and is, therefore, of that grade commonly known as "spots".

24:11-4. Labeling "rots" and "spots". No person shall possess any broken eggs of the grades commonly known as "rots" or "spots" unless the package or container in which any such eggs are held shall be plainly and legibly marked on at least two sides with the words "Rots and spots, unfit for food", in solid black letters, at least one and one-half inches in height, and the several lines of which are at least one-fourth inch wide.

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24:11-5. Denatured eggs; labeling. Eggs broken for manufacturing purpose shall be denatured at the time of breaking by the addition of some substances to the eggs which will make their use for food impossible, and such eggs shall be plainly and legibly labeled on the package or container with the words "For manufacturing purposes only". All broken eggs not so denatured and labeled shall, for the purpose of this chapter, be held to be had in possession with intent to sell or use as food.

24:11-6. Inspection of egg establishments. The state department shall inspect every place where eggs are broken, stored, had in possession with intent to sell, or sold.

24:11-7. Sale of eggs from incubators prohibited; exceptions. No person or persons, firm, partnership or corporation shall knowingly distribute, sell, receive, accept, import or export any eggs for human consumption which have been removed from incubators used for hatching purposes, unless such eggs have been broken, crushed or smashed and then denatured with kerosene, creolin or other substance approved by the State Department of Health, before leaving the premises on which the incubator or incubators from which the eggs were removed are located; provided, that nothing contained in this act shall prohibit the distributing, selling, receiving, accepting or exporting of eggs which have been removed from any incubator or incubators, when such eggs are to be used for biological, scientific, chemical or experimental purposes, other than for human food purposes; and provided, further, that the containers of the eggs mentioned in the first proviso herein shall be labeled for the purpose for which they are to be used, and placed thereon shall be the names and addresses of the buyers and shippers thereof.

24:11-8. Penalties. Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act [article] shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the second and each subsequent offense.

24:11-9. Enforcement. This act [article] shall be enforced by the same boards or agencies and in the same manner as the subtitle to which this act is a supplement, and all penalties incurred under this act shall be sued for and recovered by the same boards or agencies and in the same manner as penalties incurred under provisions of the subtitle [subtitle 1, Title 24] to which this act [article] is a supplement. Source. L. 1939, c. 116, §3, p. 424. Approved July 1, 1939, effective immediately.

Rules and Regulations

1. Every person who operates or conducts any establishment where the business of breaking eggs is carried on, whether such eggs are broken for use as food or other purposes, shall make application to the Board of Health of the State of New Jersey to operate such egg-breaking establishment. Such application shall be in writing and shall be signed by the person making the application.

Upon receipt of an application for a license to conduct an egg-breaking establishment, an inspection will be made of the premises designated in the application. It appears as a result of this inspection that the establishment where the business of breaking eggs is carried on is in compliance with the provisions of "An act to regulate the sale, handling and distribution of eggs and egg products," a license will be issued.

2. Rooms in which the business of breaking eggs is carried on must be provided with smooth, water-tight floors which can be properly cleansed, and such floors must be cleansed daily.

3. The walls and ceilings of such rooms shall be provided with a smooth, hard finish, and must be so constructed that there be no ledges on which dust or dirt can collect. Such sidewalls and ceilings shall be kept in a clean condition at all times.

4. All benches and tables must be constructed of hard smooth material, and must be readily accessible for thorough cleansing.

5. The establishment where the business of breaking eggs is carried on must be adequately lighted and ventilated, and shall be furnished with an abundant supply of hot and cold water. Sinks connected by suitable piping with the sewer and of sufficient size to enable all utensils to be thoroughly washed must be installed.

6. All doors and windows of the establishment where eggs are broken shall be screened to prevent the entrance of flies and other insects.

7. Proper apparatus for immediately cooling the eggs to a temperature of 45° F. or below must be installed in all establishments where eggs are broken for food purposes.

8. All receptacles containing liquid egg material intended for food purposes shall be kept covered and in a cooler, except the receptacle into which eggs are actually being broken.

9. During the process of breaking out eggs for food purposes, any eggs found to be unfit for such use shall be denatured immediately.

10. The term "denatured" when used herein refers to the treatment of eggs with a substance the presence of which prevents their use for human food. Eggs shall be regarded as denatured only when the denaturing substance is brought in contact with the whites and yolks.

11. Proper receptacles for "Rots" and "Spots" shall be provided in all places where eggs are broken out for food purposes, and such receptacles shall contain a suitable denaturant.

12. All persons engaged in the business of breaking eggs for food purposes shall thoroughly cleanse their hands before beginning work and after visiting the toilet.

13. All persons engaged in the business of breaking eggs for food purposes shall be provided with outer garments of washable material which shall be clean at the beginning of each day's work.

14. No person shall be allowed to live or sleep in any room where the business of breaking eggs is carried on.

15. Upon the conclusion of the day's work, the floors, walls, tables and utensils must be thoroughly washed and cleansed. Egg shells and all other refuse shall be removed from the premises at least once in twenty-four hours.

16. The license granted by the State Board of Health to conduct an egg-breaking establishment shall be framed and conspicuously displayed in the room where eggs are broken.