

CHAPTER 24

**RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND
FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDING
MACHINES CHAPTER XII**

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Chapter 24, Retail Food Establishments and Food and Beverage Vending Machines, Chapter XII, also known as Chapter XII of the State Sanitary Code, was adopted as R.1972 d.117, effective July 6, 1972. See: 3 N.J.R. 203(a), 4 N.J.R. 158(b).

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Cross References

Child care centers physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:122-5.1 et seq.

Children's group home physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:128-4.1 et seq.

Children's shelter physical facility requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:124-5.1 et seq.

Personal care homes, facility to be in compliance with Sanitary Code, see N.J.A.C. 8:36-15.1.

Residential child care facility maintenance and sanitation requirements, see N.J.A.C. 10:127-4.4.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8:24-1.1 Violations; declaration of nuisances

Retail food establishments in violation of this chapter are hereby declared to be nuisances, hazardous to health.

Case Notes

The appropriate municipal or county board of health or local health agency has the responsibility to institute judicial proceedings to close food service and preparation areas of county facilities and jails. Atty. Gen.F.O.1977, No. 16.

The department of health or the appropriate local board or health agency may sue to recover monetary penalties for violations of the state sanitary code. Atty.Gen.F.O.1977, No. 16.

8:24-1.2 Separability

If any provision or applications of any provision of this chapter is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this regulation.

8:24-1.3 Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, the following words, phrases, names and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Adulteration” means the definition in N.J.S.A. 24:5-8.

“Agricultural market” means any fixed or mobile retail food establishment which is engaged in the sale of raw agricultural products; but may include as a minor portion of the operation the sale of factory-sealed or pre-packaged food products that do not normally require refrigeration.