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Re: Statutes and Regulations Regarding Footwear in Food Establishments

Dear Mr. Sands,

Thank you for reaching out to the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) regarding footwear requirements in businesses such as stores, restaurants, and convenience stores throughout the state.

Currently, there are no laws or regulations in the Public Health Code that require customers to wear shoes or other footwear inside a foodservice establishment or other food businesses that DPH regulates.

For more information on what requirements DPH can enforce, please refer to Connecticut's Model Food Code Implementation in Sec. 19a-36h of our state Regulations. The enforcement of the Food Code is handled by local health authorities around the state, who refer to both the Connecticut Food Code, as well as the FDA's Food Code. Both Food Codes aim to ensure the safe handling of food in a retail setting, and as such, they do not regulate consumer behavior in such establishments.

Should you have any additional questions regarding this issue, you may contact me directly at Miriam.Miller@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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