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Ref: Footwear requirements in retail food establishments

Dear Mr. Sands,

I am in receipt of your request for information regarding the requirements for footwear in retail food establishments as it pertains to New Hampshire's licensing requirements for food establishments contained in NH RSA 143-A: Food Service Licensure, and the New Hampshire Sanitary Production and Distribution of Food Rules, He-P 2300.

NH RSA 143-A provides authority for the Department to license and inspect food establishments and to establish regulations to administer the program. The New Hampshire Sanitary Production and Distribution of Food Rules, He-P 2300, adopts the 2017 FDA Food Code as the mechanism for inspection of food establishments. The requirement for patrons to wear shoes while in a licensed food establishment in the state's jurisdiction is not included in RSA 143-A, He-P 2300, or in FDA's 2017 Food Code.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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