NOTICE

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To: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Contractors
Subject: Imported Plasticware Safety

Purpose

This Notice provides information regarding the safety of imported plasticware.

Procedure

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) states that any supplier with an office or address in the United States must abide by FDA regulations. While many manufacturers use labor and products from all over the world, they still have to follow FDA rules regarding the chemical composition of the final product.

The FDA also states that imported plasticware that does not contain bright colors or is overly soft or flexible provides little risk of migration of chemicals into food. The FDA further noted that food should not be heated or microwaved in imported plasticware unless the plasticware is specifically made for microwave use.

Authority

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Correspondence 2007-SNP-11.

Contact

If you have any questions please contact your Area Program Office.