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SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT
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1. SPS Subject:

The purpose of this SPS is to clarify the construction and maintenance of kitchenettes within Residence Accommodation establishments.

2. Statutory Overview:

Maricopa County Environmental Health Code (MCEHC)

3. SPS:

The 2009 FDA Food Code established regulations to ensure the delivery of safe food and drink. These include regulations for approved food sources, safe food storage, as well as clean and sanitary food contact surfaces. Some Residence Accommodation establishments construct rooms that contain a kitchenette. In these kitchenettes the operator provides the patron with equipment and utensils commonly found in a home. This equipment and utensils include multiuse dishware and residential style dishwashers.

The 2009 FDA Food Code requires all multiuse dishware to be properly cleaned and sanitized, between uses, using an approved warewashing sink or commercial dish machine.

If there are rooms that include kitchenettes with multi-use dishware, the dishware should be cleaned and sanitized at a central location using approved commercial equipment and procedures as defined by the 2009 FDA Food Code. In lieu of meeting these commercial equipment standards, the Department may allow the installation of residential dishwashers in the units, to be used by employees to clean dishware between residents, if a written disclaimer is placed in the room stating the cleaning and sanitizing of all kitchen dishware is not regulated or inspected by the Department and that customers are advised to clean and sanitize the dishware using proper methods.

4. SPS Effective Date:

July 1, 2012

5. SPS New Document/Revision Statement:

SPS-EH-2012-016 is a new SPS.

6. Contact Us:

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