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CONSUMER ADVISORY

Introduction



The California Retail Food Code (CalCode) Section 114093 requires a "Consumer Advisory" for animal foods, including beef, eggs, fish, lamb, milk, pork, poultry, or shellfish served or sold raw, undercooked, or without otherwise being processed to eliminate pathogens, either in ready-to-eat form or as an ingredient in another ready-toeat food. A retail food facility permit holder shall inform consumers of the significantly increased risk of consuming such foods.

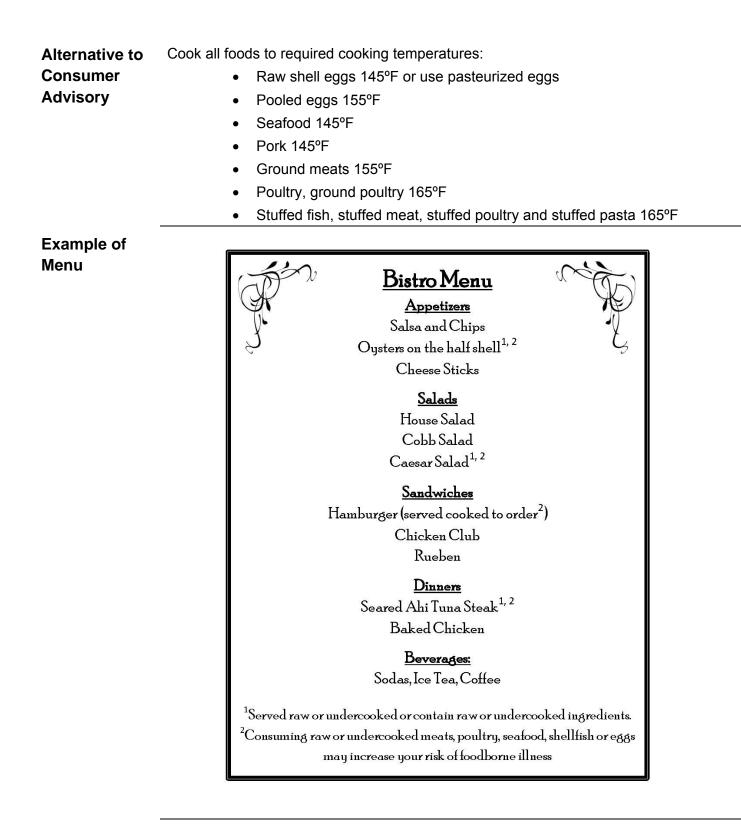
CalCode requires the permit holder to provide a "Consumer Advisory" using a **DISCLOSURE** and a REMINDER.

- 1. A **DISCLOSURE** is a clearly written statement that includes either:
 - a. A description of the animal-derived foods, such as "oysters on the half shell (raw oysters)", "raw-egg Caesar salad" and "hamburger (can be cooked to order)." or
 - b. Animal derived foods marked by an asterisk (*) directing to a footnote that states that the items are served raw or undercooked, or contain or may contain raw or undercooked ingredients.
- 2. A **<u>REMINDER</u>** is a written statement that identifies the animal-derived foods by an asterisk that marks a footnote that includes either of the following disclosure statements:
 - a. Written information regarding the safety of these food items is available upon request.
 - b. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

Disclosure and reminder statements must be provided using brochures, deli case or menu advisories, label statements, table tents, placards, or other effective written means.

	NOTE: Licensed Health Care Facilities <u>may not</u> serve raw or undercooked foods of animal origin.
Examples of Foods Requiring a Consumer Advisory	House-made Caesar salad dressing
	Hollandaise sauce, Béarnaise sauce
	House-made mayonnaise and aioli
	Sushi
	 Desserts containing raw eggs, such as Tiramisu
	 Beverages containing raw eggs such as eggnog
	Seared ahi tuna

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Questions

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