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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
105 CMR 590.000, STATE SANITARY CODE, CHAPTER X: MINIMUM SANITATION  
STANDARDS FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, that the Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to 105 CMR 590.000, State Sanitary Code, Chapter X: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments. The proposed amendments will require food establishments licensed as innholders or common victuallers to provide a poster in the staff area relative to food allergy awareness; a notice on menus advising customers to notify their server if they have a food allergy; and training for food service staff regarding food allergies. The Department seeks comments on all aspects of these regulations including whether the menu notice requirement should also apply to menu boards.

The hearing will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Health Council Room, Second Floor, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The text of the proposed regulations may be viewed on the Department's website at: [www.mass.gov/dph](http://www.mass.gov/dph) by selecting Regulations and Policies, then "Proposed Amendments to Regulations" and then selecting Food Allergens, or by calling Louann Stanton at 617-624-5220.

Speakers are requested to provide a copy of their oral testimony. The Department encourages all interested parties to submit testimony electronically to the following address: [Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us](mailto:Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us) Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of an email and type "Allergens" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. The Department will post all electronic testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. Parties who are unable to submit electronic testimony should mail submissions to LouAnn Stanton, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. All testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2010.

A copy of the proposed amendments may be viewed on the Department's website or obtained from Louann Stanton, Office of the General Counsel, at 617-624-5220.