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Standard for the Installation of Equipment for the Removal of Smoke and Grease-Laden Vapors from Commercial Cooking Equipment

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2. Requirements.

21. Cooking equipment used in processes producing smoke or grease-laden vapors shall be equipped with an exhaust system complying with the following:

211. A hood or canopy complying with the requirements of Section 3, and

212. A duct system complying with the requirements of Section 4, and

213. Grease removal equipment complying with the requirements of Section 6, and

214. Fire extinguishing equipment complying with the requirements of Section 10.

22. If required by the authority having jurisdiction, notification in writing shall be given of any alteration, replacement, or relocation of any exhaust or extinguishing system or part thereof, or cooking equipment.

3. Hood or Canopy.

31. Materials.

311. The hood or that portion of a primary collection means designed for collecting cooking vapors and residues shall be constructed of and be supported by steel not lighter than No. 18

Manufacturers Standard Gage, stainless steel not lighter than No. 20 Manufacturers Standard Gage or of other approved material of equivalent strength, fire, and corrosion resistance.

32. Construction.

321. All seams and joints shall have a liquidtight continuous external weld.

322. Troughs or gutters shall not be permitted except as provided in Section 6.

33. Hoods or enclosures of listed grease extractors or listed automatic damper and hood assemblies, evaluated under the same fire severity as the hood or enclosure of listed grease extractors, are considered as complying with the material and construction requirements of Section 3. The clearances specified in Section 7 shall be maintained.

4. Duct Systems.

41. Duct systems from hoods, canopies, or other collection systems shall comply with 411 or 412.

411. Listed grease ducts installed in accordance with the terms of the listing and the manufacturer's instructions.

412. Ducts complying with the following requirements:

4121. MATERIALS. Ducts shall be constructed of and supported by steel not lighter than No. 16 Manufacturers Standard Gage or stainless steel not lighter than No. 18 Manufacturers Standard Gage.

4122. INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERIOR LOCATIONS.

(a.) All seams and joints shall have a liquidtight continuous external weld.

NOTE: Temperatures in excess of 2,000 F. may be experienced within ducts in event of a fire. Means for expansion of long lengths of ducts should be provided.

(b.) All ducts should lead, as directly as possible, to the exterior of the building and shall be installed without forming dips or traps which might collect residues.

(c.) Vertical ducts should be located outside the building and adequately supported. If absolutely necessary to locate vertical ducts within a building, the ducts shall be enclosed in a

continuous enclosure constructed of materials which are not combustible, such as masonry (see Appendix B), and extending from the ceiling above the hood to or through the roof so as to maintain the integrity of the fire separations required by the applicable building code provisions. The enclosure shall conform to the following:

(1.) If the building is less than 4 stories in height, the enclosure wall shall have a fire resistance rating of not less than 1 hour.

(2.) If the building is 4 stories or more in height, the enclosure wall shall have a fire resistance rating of not less than 2 hours.

(3.) Clearance from the duct to interior surfaces of the enclosure shall be not less than 6 inches.

(4.) If openings in the enclosure walls are provided they shall be protected by approved self-closing fire doors of proper rating. See Standard For Fire Doors and Windows, NFPA No. 80–1973.

(d.) Each duct system shall constitute an individual system serving only exhaust hoods on one floor.

(e.) Duct systems shall not be interconnected with any other building ventilating or exhaust system.

(f.) An opening shall be provided at each change in direction of the duct for purposes of inspection and cleaning. Openings shall be at the sides and large enough to permit cleaning. In horizontal sections the lower edge of the opening shall be not less than 1½ inches from the bottom of the duct. Covers shall be constructed of the same material and thickness as the duct and shall be greasetight when in place.

(g.) Ducts shall not pass through fire walls or fire partitions.

(h.) Where ducts pass through partitions or walls of combustible material the material shall be cut away to provide a clearance to the duct not less than 18 inches unless protection is provided in accordance with Appendix B.

4123. INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTERIOR LOCATIONS.

(a.) The vertical portion of exhaust ducts shall be connected to the horizontal portion of the duct system and shall be installed and adequately supported on the exterior of a building.

(b.) All seams and joints shall have a liquidtight continuous external weld.

NOTE: Temperatures in excess of 2,000 F. may be experienced within ducts in event of a fire. Means for expansion of long lengths of ducts should be provided.

(c.) All ducts, except those constructed of stainless steel, shall be protected on the exterior by paint or other suitable weather-protective coating.

(d.) A residue trap shall be provided at the base of each vertical riser with provisions for cleanout.

413. Termination of Ducts. Ducts shall extend above the building in which located and shall terminate as follows:

4131. With at least forty (40) inches clearance from the outlet to the roof surface.

4132. With a minimum of ten (10) feet of clearance from the outlet to adjacent buildings, property lines, air intakes and adjoining grade levels.

4133. With the direction of flow of exhaust air away from the surface of the roof. If such is not possible, a metal pan shall be provided on the roof surface to catch residues that pass through the system. The pan shall have a minimum one (1) inch lip at all edges to retain residues and should be cleaned regularly in accordance with Appendix C.

5. Air Movement.

51. Exhaust Fans. Exhaust fans and motors shall be approved and rated for continuous operation and shall be installed to comply with the following requirements:

511. All wiring and electrical equipment shall comply with the National Electrical Code, NFPA No. 70–1971. See Section 9.

512. When the fan is not visible a signal light shall be installed in the kitchen area to indicate when the fan is operating.

513. Means shall be provided for inspections, servicing, and cleaning.

NOTE: To offset the possibility of leaks in the duct system, it is recommended the fan be located near the discharge end of the duct.

52. Air Flow. The air velocity through any duct shall not be less than 1,500 feet per minute. Air volume through any duct shall not be less than that specified in Appendix A.

53. Replacement Air. Adequate replacement air shall be provided as specified in Appendix A.

6. Grease Removal Devices.

61. Grease removal devices shall be provided and shall consist of one of the following types:

611. Listed Grease Extractors. Listed grease extractors shall be installed in accordance with the terms of the listing and the manufacturer's instructions.

612. Listed Grease Filters or Other Grease Removal (Not Including Grease Extractors). Listed grease filters or other listed means of grease removal shall comply with the following requirements.

6121. MATERIALS.

(a.) Grease filters, including frames, or other grease removal devices shall be constructed of noncombustible materials.

(b). Grease filter shall be a type listed for use with commercial cooking equipment.

6122. INSTALLATION.

(a.) The distance between the grease filter or other grease removal device and the cooking surface shall be as great as possible. Where grease filters or other grease removal devices are used in conjunction with charcoal or charcoal-type broilers, including gas or electrically heated char-broilers, a minimum vertical distance of 4 feet shall be maintained between the lower edge of the grease filter or removal device and the cooking surface.

(b.) Grease filters or other grease removal devices shall be protected from combustion gas outlets and from direct flame impingement occuring during normal operation of cooking appliances producing high flue gas temperatures such as deep fat fryers, upright or high broiler (salamander broilers) when the distance between the filter or removal device and the appliance outlet (heat source) is less than 18 inches. This protection may be accomplished by the installation of a steel or stainless steel baffle plate between the heat source and the filter or removal device. The baffle plate shall be so sized and located that flames or combustion gases must travel a distance not less than 18 inches from the heat source to the grease filter or removal device. The baffle shall be located not less than 6 inches from filters or removal devices.

(c.) Filters shall be tight fitting and firmly held in place, yet be easily accessible and removable for cleaning.

(d.) Filters shall be installed at an angle not less than 45° from the horizontal and shall be equipped with a drip tray be-

neath the lower edge of the filters. The tray shall be kept to the minimum size needed to collect the grease and be pitched to drain to an enclosed metal container having a capacity not exceeding one gallon.

7. Clearance.

71. Hoods, grease extractors, and ducts shall have a clearance of at least 18 inches to unprotected combustible material unless listed for lesser clearances or protected in accordance with Appendix B.

8. Dampers.

81. Dampers shall not be installed in ducts or duct systems unless specifically listed for such use or are required as part of a listed grease extractor, an approved extinguishing system, or an approved fan bypass system.

9. Auxiliary Equipment.

91. Wiring systems of any type shall not be installed in ducts. Motors, lights and other electrical devices shall not be installed in ducts or hoods or located in the path of travel of exhaust products unless specifically approved for such use.

92. Lighting units having steel enclosures mounted on the outer surface of the hood and separated from exhaust products by tight-fitting glass may be used. Lighting units on hoods shall not be located in concealed spaces unless part of a listed grease extractor.

93. All electrical equipment shall be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code, NFPA No. 70–1971, with due regard to the effects of heat, vapor, and grease on the equipment.

94. Fume incinerators or other devices shall not be installed in ducts or hoods or located in the path of travel of exhaust products unless specifically approved for such use.

10. Fire Extinguishing Equipment.

101. Approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be provided for the protection of duct systems, grease removal devices, and hoods. Cooking equipment (such as fat fryers, ranges, griddles, and broilers), which may be a source of ignition of grease in the hood, grease removal device, or duct, shall also be protected by approved extinguishing equipment. If acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction, that portion of the fire extinguishing

system required for protection of the duct may be omitted when all cooking equipment is served by listed grease extractors. The extinguishing equipment shall include both of the following types:

1011. Automatically operated fixed pipe systems, or other automatic systems specifically shall be listed for the hazard.

1012. Portable extinguishers installed in the kitchen area. Those adjacent to cooking equipment shall include the alkaline dry chemical type (sodium bicarbonate or potassium bicarbonate base) having a rating of at least 20 BC. Other extinguishers in the kitchen area shall be installed in accordance with Standard for Installation of Portable Fire Extinguishers, NFPA No. 10–1972.

NOTE: Acidic base extinguishing materials, such as ammonium phosphate base multipurpose types, impede saponification. Therefore, if the cooking equipment being protected involves exposed liquefied fat or oil in depth such as fat fryers, extinguishers employing these extinguishing agents are not recommended.

102. Listed fire extinguishing systems shall be installed in accordance with the terms of their listing and the manufacturer's instructions. Other fire extinguishing equipment shall be installed in compliance with the provisions of the following applicable standards.

(a.) Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems, NFPA No. 12–1973.

(b.) Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems, NFPA No. 13–1973.

(c.) Standard for the Installation of Foam-Water Sprinkler Systems and Foam-Water Spray Systems, NFPA No. 16–1968.

(d.) Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems, NFPA No. 17–1973.

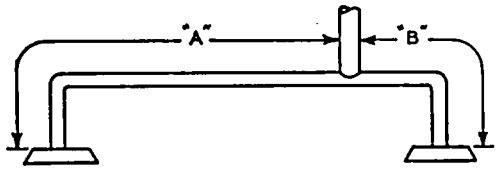
103. Fixed pipe extinguishing equipment shall be installed to conform with the following requirements:

1031. A readily accessible means to manually activate the fire extinguishing system, except a sprinkler system, shall be provided in a path of exit or egress and shall be clearly identified. Such means shall be mechanical and shall not rely on electrical power for actuation unless a reserve power supply is provided.

1032. Fixed pipe extinguishing systems, except automatic sprinkler systems, in a single hazard area shall be arranged for simultaneous automatic operation upon actuation of any one of the systems. A single hazard area is one which

(a) includes all cooking equipment, hoods, and duct work within 125 running feet of duct from any hood served, and

(b) any other cooking equipment, hoods, and duct work connected by less than 125 running feet of duct from the closest hood served. See Figure 1.



BOTH "A" AND "B" MUST BE 125 FEET TO CLASSIFY AS SEPARATE HAZARD AREAS. IF EITHER "A" OR "B" IS LESS THAN 125 FEET, BOTH PORTIONS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED A SINGLE HAZARD AREA.

Figure 1

1033. The operation of any extinguishing system shall automatically shut off all sources of fuel and heat to all equipment protected by an extinguishing system or located under ventilating equipment protected by an extinguishing system.

NOTE: Electrically heated equipment other than fat fryers, need not be shut off.

1034. Visual means shall be provided to show that the extinguishing system is energized if actuation is electrical.

1035. If required by the authority having jurisdiction, detailed information of the system shall be submitted for review.

1036. Installation of systems shall be made only by persons properly trained and qualified to install the specific system being provided. The installer shall certify to the authority having jurisdiction that the installation is in complete agreement with the terms of the listing and the manufacturers instructions and/or approved design.

NOTE: It is recommended that such training and qualification be by the manufacturer of the equipment being installed.

11. Procedures for the Use and Maintenance of Equipment.

111. Operating Procedures.

1111. Exhaust systems should be operated during all periods of cooking and should be equipped with a timing device which will continue the operation of the exhaust system for at least two (2) hours after cooking devices are turned off to allow fat fryers and other appliances to cool.

1112. Care must be exercised not to create flash grease fires by placing solid fats on preheated cooking surfaces. Solid fats heated too rapidly can be ignited at the edges before entirely melted.

1113. Filter equipped exhaust systems should not be operated with filters removed.

1114. Openings provided for replacing air exhausted through ventilating equipment should not be restricted by covers, dampers or any other means which would reduce the operating efficiency of the exhaust system.

1115. Instructions for manually operating the fire extinguishing system should be posted conspicuously in the kitchen and should be reviewed periodically with employees by the management.

1116. Listed grease extractors should be operated in accordance with the terms of their listings and manufacturer's instructions.

112. Inspection.

1121. An inspection and servicing of the fire extinguishing system by properly trained and qualified persons shall be made at least every six months. All actuation components including remote manual pull stations, mechanical or electrical devices, detectors, actuators, etc., shall be checked for proper operation during the inspection. In addition to these requirements, specific inspection requirements in the applicable NFPA standard (see Section 102) shall also be followed. Fusible links shall be replaced at least annually or more frequently if necessary to assure proper operation of the system. If required, certificates of inspection and maintenance performed shall be forwarded to the authority having jurisdiction.

NOTE: It is recommended that such training and qualification be by the manufacturer of the equipment being inspected and serviced.

1122. Depending on the amount of cooking equipment usage the entire exhaust system, including grease extractors, should be inspected daily or weekly to determine if grease or other resi-

dues have been deposited within. When grease or other residues are in evidence as deposits within the hood, grease removal devices, and/or ducts, the system should be cleaned in accordance with 113.

113. Cleaning.

1131. Hoods, grease removal devices, fans, ducts, and other appurtenances shall be cleaned at frequent intervals prior to surfaces becoming heavily contaminated with grease or oily sludge. Flammable solvents or other flammable cleaning aids shall not be used. At the start of the cleaning process all electrical switches, detection devices and system supply cylinders shall be locked, pinned, protectively covered and/or sealed to prevent the accidental starting of fans or actuating the fire extinguishing system. Care should be taken not to apply cleaning chemicals on fusible links or other detection devices of the automatic extinguishing system. WHEN CLEANING PROCEDURES ARE COMPLETED, ALL ELECTRICAL SWITCHES, DETECTION DEVICES, SYSTEM SUPPLY CYLINDERS, ETC., SHALL BE RETURNED TO AN OPERABLE STATE. COVER PLATES SHALL BE REPLACED AND DAMPERS AND DIFFUSERS SHALL BE POSITIONED FOR PROPER AIR FLOW.

NOTE: Satisfactory cleaning results have been obtained with a powder compound consisting of one part calcium hydroxide and two parts calcium carbonate. This compound saponifies the grease or oily sludge, thus making it easier to remove and clean. Proper ventilation must be provided and safety precautions taken if cleaning is done inside the duct or fan housings.

1132. Listed grease extractors should be operated and cleaned in accordance with their listings and the manufacturer's instructions.

12. Recommended Minimum Safety Requirements for Cooking Equipment.

121. Cooking Equipment.

1211. Cooking equipment should be approved based on:

1. Listings by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, or
2. Test data acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

1212. INSTALLATION.

(a.) All listed appliances should be installed in accordance with the terms of their listings and the manufacturer's instructions.

(b.) All fat fryers should be installed with at least a 16-inch space between the fryer and surface flames from adjacent cooking equipment.

122. Operating Controls.

1221. Deep fat fryers should be equipped with a separate high limit control in addition to the adjustable operating control (thermostat) to shut off fuel or energy in the event the fat exceeds a temperature of 425F.

APPENDIX A

Suggested Method For Providing Adequate Ventilation For Commercial Cooking Equipment

A. Hood Size.

A1. The overhead canopy-type hood should be sized to completely cover the equipment it is designed to ventilate plus an overhang of at least six (6) inches on all sides of equipment not immediately adjacent to walls or other construction extending above the cooking surface.

A2. The distance between the floor and the lower edge of the canopy hood should not exceed seven (7) feet.

A3. The depth of a canopy-type hood from the lower to the upper edge should be at least two (2) feet.

A4. Noncanopy, prefabricated "backshelf"-type hoods should be sized according to the manufacturer's specifications for the type cooking appliances being served.

B. Exhaust Air Volume.

B1. For canopy-type hoods where the lower edge is not more than seven (7) feet above the floor the air volumes should be in accordance with the following:

a) Hood open on all four sides

$$Q = 150A$$

b) Hood open on three sides or less

$$Q = 100A$$

where Q = Exhaust air in cubic feet per minute
A = Face (entrance) area of the hood in square feet

B2. For noncanopy, prefabricated "backshelf"-type hoods the minimum exhaust air volumes should be in accordance with the following equation unless the manufacturer's instructions or test results indicate otherwise:

$$Q = 300L$$

where Q = Exhaust air in cubic feet per minute
L = Total length in feet of the cooking appliance(s) being ventilated measured parallel to the front edge of the appliance(s).