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#### Closure of Marg's Bakery & Kitchen

On 10/16/2020, Environmental Health Disease Prevention (EHDP) office received a complaint of food contamination from Marg's Bakery & Kitchen, Susupe. Upon inspection of the facility, EHDP inspectors identified inadequacies to the food item in question. Marg's Bakery & Kitchen were advised to cease all sales of the product until proper documentation could be provided to validate the food source. EHDP conducted a follow-up inspection on 10/20/2020 and establishment was not able to provide documents for the vendor. Marg's Bakery & Kitchen was placed on temporary suspension for critical violations to the Public Health Food regulations and the case continues to be investigated.

#### Violation to the standard

Pursuant to CNMI statute, Public Law 12-48 and the Public Health Food Regulations, any establishment or activity involving food or drink service shall lawfully meet minimum standards to keep consumables safe from the beginning of food processing to the point of consumer consumption. Subsequent sections in the regulations, require that all food service establishment employees and/or employers obtain a food handlers certificate validating the completion of the mandatory food safety training and health examination. The CHCC-EHDP is responsible for enforcing the statute.

***§ 140-20.1-101 Sanitary Permits Required***

***§ 140-20.7-201 Food Supplies***

***§ 140-20.7-520 Supervision***

***§ 140-20.7-535 Processes and Controls***

#### Caution to businesses and consumers

Before any person shall commence to operate or open for business, any establishment or activity involving food service is required to obtain a sanitary permit. Permit requirements include:

1. Business License
2. Certificate of occupancy from the Department of Public Works
3. Food Handler Certification
4. Inspection for compliance with standards

Consumers and businesses are advised to take an interest in their own health by assessing the health risk of food/drink purchased from unpermitted facilities.

**Report a complaint**

Should you have any questions or concerns about food or drinks being sold, or to learn more on how to obtain a sanitary permit, please contact the EHDP office in Navy Hill, 664-4870/2/3, fax concerns to 664-4871 or email John Tagabuel at [john.tagabuel@dph.gov.mp](mailto:john.tagabuel@dph.gov.mp)

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