

Sanitary Transportation of Human and Animal Food

Vehicles and transportation equipment used in operations for food requiring temperature control for safety must be designated, maintained, and equipped as necessary to provide adequate temperature control to prevent the food from becoming unsafe during transportation operations.

Vehicles and transportation equipment must be stored in a manner that prevents it from harboring pests or becoming contaminated in any other manner that could result in food for which it will be sued becoming unsafe during transportation operations.

The requirements apply to all shippers, carriers, loaders, and receivers engaged in transportation operations.

Requirements applicable to shippers:

Specify in writing: (These requirements are generally accomplished by issuing a bill of lading)

- ✓ All necessary sanitary specifications for the carrier's vehicle and transportation equipment
 - Transportation equipment is in appropriate sanitary condition
 - Transportation equipment is in adequate physical condition
 - Transportation equipment is free of visible evidence of pest infestation
 - Operating temperature
- ✓ Develop and implement written procedures to ensure transportation operations are appropriate, preventing food from becoming unsafe during transportation
- ✓ Retain records for a period of 12 months beyond the termination of the agreements with the carriers

Requirements applicable to carriers:

- ✓ Ensure that vehicle and transportation equipment meet the shipper's specifications
- ✓ Provide temperature specified by the shipper, if requested
- ✓ Demonstrate it maintained temperature conditions during transportation, if requested
- ✓ Pre-cool equipment
- ✓ Develop and implement written procedures that:
 - Specify practices for cleaning, sanitizing, inspecting vehicles and transportation equipment
 - Describe how it will comply with provisions for temperature control
- ✓ Provide adequate training to personnel engaged in transportation operations
- ✓ Establish and maintain records documenting the training
- ✓ Retain records of written procedures for a period of 12 months beyond when the agreements and procedures are in use in their transportation operations
- ✓ Retain training records for 12 months beyond when the person identified in any such records stops performing the duties for which training was provided