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MEMORANDUM

TO: Environmental Health Directors, Supervisors, and Coordinators

THROUGH: Susan C. Grayson, Head
Dairy and Food Protection Branch

FROM: T. Cris Harrelson, Regional Environmental Health Specialist
Dairy and Food Protection Branch

DATE: November 10, 2005

SUBJECT: Focaccia Bread sold at Bloom/Food Lion Supermarkets

The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Dairy and Food Protection Branch, after technical review by the Food Safety Standards Committee, has recently approved focaccia bread sold at Bloom and Food Lion Supermarkets to be held at ambient temperature for up to 2 days, after which it must be discarded. Attached is the approval letter. Please note that the approval is contingent upon several conditions.

Local Environmental Health Specialists have the responsibility to verify that an establishment using the approval is adhering to the conditions of the approval. Employees of the permitted establishment should be trained as to the conditions of the approval and keep a time/temperature log as a means of documentation. The permittee must keep a copy of the approval and the time/temperature log on the premises that can be made available to the EHS at the time of inspection.

If you have any question regarding these procedures, please feel free to contact your Regional Environmental Health Specialist, Cris Harrelson, Chair of the Food Safety Standards Committee, or Susan Grayson, Dairy and Food Protection Branch Head.