



Fried Food on the Menu? Take Note of Code Changes for Fire Extinguishing Systems Used in Commercial Kitchens

Tom Allen, CFSA's safety manager, reports that the Office of the State Fire Marshal has amended section 904.11 of the 2007 California Fire Code, effective January 1, 2008. This amendment requires that fire extinguishing systems comply with the Underwriters Laboratories Standard 300 (UL 300) when used in commercial cooking operations where grease laden vapors are produced.

All existing dry and wet chemical fire extinguishing systems are required to comply no later than the second required servicing of the system after January 1, 2008. (By design, all new automatic fire extinguishing system installations will comply with the amendment.) Tom notes that while many fire system service providers can service your system one last time in 2008, they may not be willing to do so. In fact, many companies are saying they'll no longer service systems that don't comply with UL 300. Contact your current provider now so you'll know what you can expect from them.

What does this mean for your fair? If you have cooking facilities used to fry foods that produce grease laden vapors and that haven't been upgraded in the past few years, you should upgrade your system(s) this year. This includes cooking facilities inside exhibit buildings and any fixed concession booths or buildings used by service groups or commercial renters. Even if your fair's agreement with concessionaires

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Recycling Everything From Coffee Cups to Couches, the 2007 Alameda County Fair Leads by Example

Adding green highlights to its already colorful schedule of events, the 2007 Alameda County Fair, June 22 - July 8, hosted a variety of educational displays, special events and exhibits focusing on recycling. At the same time, fair employees launched an aggressive recycling program all their own.

Out on the fairgrounds, a bike-riding clown promoted solar energy (something the fair has produced for about three years). A recycling themed art exhibit featured 4' x 8' plywood panel masterpieces created by local elementary school

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Don't Sign on the Dotted Line: Just Say "No" If Asked to Sign Claims Documents Not Cleared Through CFSA

To ensure that your fair's rights are protected in the event of a general liability claim against your fair, Rosalyn Johnson, CFSA's general liability claims examiner, asks all CFSA Liability Pool member fairs to please not sign any documents given to you from insurance companies, attorneys, claimants, etc., before checking with Rosalyn or Charlie Mitchell, CFSA's risk manager.

Should this situation arise, or if you have any questions about an existing liability claim, please contact Rosalyn at 916/263-6171 or Charlie at 916/263-6150.

Ever Receive an e-mail From: Yourself and To: Yourself? You've Been "From Spoofed!"

Spammers are always coming up with new ways to hide where their e-mail originates from and now they're taking advantage of the fact that the "From" address on spam is meaningless and untraceable. When you see your name in the From column, it's for one of two reasons:

- 1) Someone's trying to spam you knowing it's unlikely that you've blocked e-mail from yourself, or
- 2) They've tried to spam someone else and when the original spam is rejected, because it's "from" you, you're receiving the

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Low on Supplies? Unpredictable Shipping Delays Make Advance Ordering a Smart Move

CFSA Buyer Cailee DeFoe reports that order delivery times are getting longer and longer, and that orders that used to take three to four days can now take a week or more when vendors and shippers hold trucks until full. Some companies have also begun using outside shippers over whom they have little control. The vendors, she says, cite high gas prices as the primary reason for the delays.

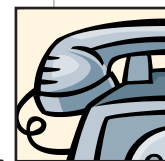
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"I want to live in Theory. Everything works there."
~ Unknown



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Is your fair turning "green"? What's your fair doing or changing to help save

the environment? Share tips and techniques in fyi! Contact Melissa Thurber, editor, mthurber@cfsa.org or 916/263-6163.

"A billion here, a billion there,
pretty soon it adds up to real
money."

~ Senator Everett Dirksen

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UL 300 Compliance, continued

or service groups requires them to maintain the permanent booths, you must make sure the upgrades are completed. It's likely, Tom adds, that your local or State Fire Marshal will not allow the booth to be used without the retrofit, so he recommends that you contact your regular Fire Marshal to discuss this issue proactively.

Regarding Type 1 Exhaust Hoods: Your existing hood may be in compliance, however, check with your fire protection service company to be sure. If modifications are recommended, Tom advises showing the plans to your local or State Fire Marshal to ensure that the proposed modifications will meet all UL 300 requirements.

If you have additional questions about UL 300 compliance, please contact your assigned CFSA safety specialist or call Tom at 916/263-6186.

Recycling, continued

students. And the couch? Originally destined for the county's landfill, the couch was dismantled as fairgoers watched and learned how its fabric, metal and wood could be reused.

Behind the scenes, Randy Magee, the fair's CFO, reports that fair staff implemented a Zero Waste Program. Their goal? To reduce, reuse, recycle and compost all trash, garbage and food debris collected at the 2007 fair.

Sorting through the mountains of trash generated by thousands of fair visitors each day of the fair's 17-day run proved to be one of the program's biggest challenges. Between 20 and 25 enthusiastic fair employees volunteered for the daily job – their desire to help the environment countering the "yuck factor" of sorting through day-old corn dogs and dirty diapers. In addition, more than a dozen volunteers from the community donated one to two days of their time to help with sorting and other related activities.

Another obstacle was finding a reuse home for every scrap of waste. Nevertheless, it was the community's support and encouragement on top of everything the fair's employees **did** recycle and **did** compost that made the Zero Waste Program an all-a-round success. Looking ahead, what staff learned this year will help shape next year's fairtime recycling plans.

Hiring recycling consultants and hosting events can be expensive, Randy notes. To help offset these costs, the fair applied for and received grants from the Alameda County Education Advisory Board, and www.stopwaste.org, a joint effort of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board.

To help expand your fair's recycling programs, check out <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov>, the California Integrated Waste Management Board's Web page. You'll find grant information and grant writing tips on the Home Page under "Grants/Loans" in the left hand column menu. If you haven't already done so, you should also check with your county's waste management agency.

Want to know more about the Alameda County Fair's program? Please contact Randy Magee, 925/426-7600.

Purchasing, continued

Her advice is to reorder supplies early, before running out, so delayed deliveries won't affect your operations.

If you have any questions about the delivery of a new or current order, contact Cailee at 916/263-6191.

"From" Spam, continued

rejected/bounced message.

If this happens, don't be alarmed, says CFSA Information Systems Specialist Mike Johnson. It's annoying, yes, but nothing to worry about. You're already on the spammers' lists and they're simply using those lists or variations of them to select "From" addresses.

Unfortunately, there's no effective way to stop this type of spamming. One thing you can do is to run a spam filter on your network system. Be careful what you mark as spam though as you don't want to prevent legitimate e-mail from getting through.

Mike takes an aggressive approach to eradicating spam at CFSA by asking staffers to review their Spam and Junk e-mail folders frequently, and to delete all stored up messages *without* opening them. (Click the "Folder List" on your Outlook toolbar to access your Spam and/or Junk Mail folders.)

He also recommends emptying Deleted Mail folders on a regular basis as virus programs have been known to launch even while just sitting in a folder (plus, the messages take up valuable server space). In addition, Mike suggests keeping up on incoming messages and deleting daily any spam or e-mails from senders you don't know.

Questions? Contact Mike at 916/263-6155.