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USDA/FDA Guidelines

The USDA/FDA does not require inspections and specific approval of flytraps such as the Insect Inn that do not electrocute (zap) insects or inject a spray of insecticide into the room.

Therefore, the Insect Inn, Terminator, and Fly Patrol are acceptable for use in Meat and Poultry Processing Plants and all other facilities where food is processed, prepared, and/or consumed.

As stated in the Insect Inn brochure, "The Insect Inn is allowed for use directly in and around food handling areas and it meets all applicable USDA/FDA guidelines."

The attached document was provided by Jimmy Liu with the Food Safety Information Center – National Agriculture Library in Beltsville, MD. This documents states that scatter-free traps are exempt from any code requirements set for electronic bug zapper flytraps, and therefore are not required to be set away from exposed items.

For more information regarding this subject, please reference the following websites:

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm/schoolipm/chap-9.pdf>

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~ear/fopin.html>

To: Brenda Preister
Subject: RE: guidelines

Dear Brenda Preister,

The EPA provides some guidelines for the placement of fly traps in school foodservice areas that would also be applicable to general food preparation and processing areas.

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm/schoolipm/chap-9.pdf>

Scatter type devices should be mounted at least 5 feet away from any open food. According to the U.S. FDA, scatter free fly traps would be exempt.

"SUBJECT: Scatter Free Fly Traps Exempt From Five Foot Rule

BY: ALB/RDB

DATE: 7/24/90 & 9/17/90

SUMMARY: Fly traps determined by research to be scatter-free may be exempt from the code requirement that electronic fly traps be installed no closer than five feet from exposed items."

Reference: FDA Opinion Index

<http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~ear/fopin.html>

For additional assistance, try contacting your State regulatory authority.

Sincerely,

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