



June 22-24, 2008  
George R. Brown Convention Center  
Houston, TX

## **FIRE REGULATIONS AND SAFETY**

All exhibitors must comply with the requirements of the City of Houston Fire Department, as outlined in the attached sheets. Please read these regulations carefully. The fire department is very effective in the enforcement of regulations, and exhibitors should be prepared to demonstrate proof of compliance.

By order of the City of Houston Fire Department, exhibitors cooking in their booth either by open flame or some form of cooking equipment such as deep fat fryers, are required to have a TYPE K fire extinguisher within 3 feet of the cooking area. See form on next page.

## **HEALTH REGULATIONS**

It's common knowledge that food should always be prepared under the most sanitary conditions as possible. The Houston Health Department prohibits the washing of dishes, glasses or utensils in the restroom or disposing of garbage and refuse by the use of public toilets.

Wash areas will be provided on the Show floor as well as disposal units for grease. All exhibitors must comply with the requirements of the City of Houston Health Department.

## **ALCOHOL REGULATIONS**

As the Show's producer, the Texas Restaurant Association must ensure it is fulfilling all its legal obligations. One of the regulations with which we must comply concerns the special dispensation from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission that allows our exhibitors to serve alcoholic beverages from their booths.

Our permission is based on the fact that the servings must be sample pours only. In order to protect both TRA and our exhibitors as much as possible, we have instituted a strict limit on the serving sizes allowed during our Expo.

- The maximum size cup for beer samples is 7 oz.
- The maximum serving portion for liquor samples is 1/2 oz.
- The maximum serving portion for wine or wine coolers is 2 oz.
- You must ensure that ID's are checked for compliance with state age restrictions. The legal age limit in Texas is 21.

Compliance with this rule will be strictly enforced. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Yanes, Director Expo Operations at 800-395-2872 or 512-457-4100. See enclosed TABC letter.

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