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May 19, 2000

Re: Regulations regarding the requirement for footwear

Dear Ms.

I am writing in response to your letter to Commissioner Howard Koh, dated May 5, 2000. Commissioner Koh requested that I respond to your inquiry regarding laws or regulations that require individuals by order of the health department to wear shoes in shops, markets, cafeterias or restaurants.

I have reviewed our regulations and checked with colleagues in the Food Protection Program and the Division of Community Sanitation, and we are aware of no state regulations that mandate shoes in certain establishments. It is certainly possible that individual cities and towns have local ordinances, which include this requirement; however, we are not familiar with any.

I trust that this is responsive to your inquiry and good luck with your research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy A. Miller".

Tracy A. Miller
Deputy General Counsel