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Dear Mr. Rupprecht:

Thank you for your letter requesting information concerning any laws, codes or regulations requiring patrons in restaurants, retail establishments or grocery stores to wear shoes or other footwear. Our records show that I sent you a letter on this topic in March 2002. There has been no change in Minnesota Rules Chapter 4626, also known as the Minnesota Food Code since 2002. The Minnesota Food Code does not have a requirement for patrons to wear shoes or other footwear in retail food establishments.

While the Minnesota Department of Health does not have a requirement for patrons to wear shoes, it does not preclude local levels of governments and establishment owners from adopting regulations or practices for patrons.

Thank you for contacting the Minnesota Department of Health. Please contact need at 651-201-4507 if you have further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely



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