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Food Service and Packaging Waste Reduction Ordinance Waiver

One Year Waiver for Meat & Fish Trays Prepackaged Outside San Francisco

The San Francisco Department of Environment, authorized by the Food Service and Packaging Waste Reduction Ordinance (No. 140-16, Chapter 16 of the San Francisco Environment Code) Section 1606(g), hereby waives for one (1) year, beyond the operative date of July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018, Environment Code Section 1605 as it applies to the sale or distribution to consumers within San Francisco of meat and fish trays for raw or butchered meat (including poultry) or fish that is sold from a refrigerator or similar retail appliance, if the meat or fish have been prepackaged outside San Francisco and are being sold or distributed in the same prepackaged material. This waiver allows the continued sale and distribution to consumers, until July 1, 2018, of raw or butchered meat or fish packaged in trays made with of polystyrene foam or other material that is not compostable or recyclable may be sold or distributed to consumers **ONLY** if the product was packaged outside San Francisco and is sold or distributed as prepackaged. This waiver does not apply where the packaging of any raw or butchered meat or fish in trays is done in San Francisco.

The Department is issuing this waiver based on its assessment of the minimum time required for meat packagers outside San Francisco to provide the San Francisco market with raw or butchered meat or fish that is packaged in non-polystyrene foam and compostable or recyclable tray alternatives for sale as-is. The Department will consider an extension of this waiver period beyond July 1, 2018, **ONLY** if it receives a progress report, by March 1, 2018, from meat packaging stakeholders or distributors, on the efforts and progress made towards being able to provide San Francisco stores with raw or butchered meat or fish packaged in compostable or recyclable non-polystyrene foam tray alternatives. Any consideration to extend this waiver beyond July 1, 2018 will be based on the Departments' assessment and satisfaction of the efforts and progress made since the issuance of this first waiver.