Ingredient labels and juice percentage labels compliance revised

The Senate on July 31 and the House on Aug. 2 passed legislation (S. 1608) to give more time for compliance with the ingredient labeling and percentage juice labeling requirements of the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act. Originally effective on Nov. 8, 1991, the new deadline for these sections is May 8, 1993. The implementation delay applies to percentage labeling of fruit and vegetable juice products, standardized foods, and label declarations of certified color additives.

Rule proposed on food stamp grocers’ tax identification numbers

A provision of the enacted 1990 Farm Bill will require all retail food stores and wholesalers participating in the food stamp program to provide the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) with their employer identification numbers and for certain owners to provide their social security numbers.

Senators have beef over retail concentration, meat prices

Sens. Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.) and James Exon (D-Neb.) have charged that supermarkets are not passing along to consumers lower prices being paid at the feedlot. The two senators have asked the U.S. Department of Justice to review what they say is “1) the apparently large return on equity and the current wholesale-to-retail price spread enjoyed by the retail food chains (which) reflects excessive concentration within the retail food industry; and 2) the level of competition within the retail food industry warrants examination by the Department of Justice.” According to the National Cattlemen’s Association, recent retail price surveys showed significant decreases in the average prices of several beef cuts. Monthly average beef production during the June-August period is an estimated 14 percent greater than the seasonal low in March, and wholesale prices.

AFD fights for bottle deposit refunds

AFD continues to appeal the recent court decision barring retailers from receiving a percentage of funds accumulated from unredeemed bottle deposits for a handling fee. Now AFD has received national and statewide support on the matter. Among the groups rallying to support AFD are:

- American Association of University Women, Michigan Division
- Environmental Action
- Environmental Action Foundation
- League of Women Voters of Michigan
- Michigan Environmental Council
- Michigan Interfaith Council on Alcohol Problems
- Michigan Recreation & Park Association
- Michigan Representative Richard A. Bandura
- Michigan Representative Jerry C. Bartnik
- Michigan Representative David M. Gabow
- Michigan United Conservation Clubs
- National Wildlife Federation
- National Resource Defense Council
- Public Interest Research Group in Michigan
- United States Congressman Paul Henry
- United States Public Interest Research Group
- Western Michigan Environmental Action Coalition

AFD immediately appealed a judge’s Feb. 19 ruling that a 1989 law attempting to confiscate unclaimed deposits from soft drink bottlers was unconstitutional.
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Stop taxing liquor to fund unrelated endeavors

By Amir Al-Naimi
Chairman

The ongoing battle over a new Tiger Stadium has reached an unpleasant twist for Michigan liquor dealers.

Talk has been brewing around Detroit and Lansing about a proposed tax on liquor to fund the new stadium. What does liquor have to do with baseball? Nothing. But what does this proposed tax mean to liquor stores throughout the state? Plenty.

A 4 percent tax was already imposed on liquor in 1985 to fund Comer Hall's expansion. This tax will be collected until 2015. In addition, retailers are still reeling from the effects of the recently imposed BATF tax. These taxes, along with other heavy taxes already in place, have affected retailer profits. Couple this with the taxes' resulting in lower sales, and the store owners, as well as distillers, have really been hurt.

Again I ask, what does the sale of liquor have to do with baseball? AFD strongly holds the position that liquor and baseball are separate entities, and one should not fund the other. Instead of taxing unrelated parties, the liquor users, let's tax the people who actually care about baseball — those who attend the games. AFD proposes adding one or two dollars to the price of Tiger tickets to go directly to funding of a new stadium. In doing this, Michigan baseball fans will be accountable for their own indulgence.

We urge you to contact your legislators and tell them you support AFD's plan. But the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States (DISCUS), is also supporting lobbying efforts against the tax. Although state legislators and Detroit and Wayne County officials have been mulling over the tax, no real support has actually appeared yet in Lansing. DISCUS believes this is not the time to call attention to the issue. In showing full support for DISCUS and its efforts, AFD complies fully with its wishes.

The Food & Beverage Report will continue to keep AFD members abreast on current developments in the liquor tax issue. If the time comes for retailer outcry against the tax, AFD will be at the forefront, asking for support for the ticket assessment and against the liquor tax. It is best for the future of the Tigers' new stadium and the future of the liquor industry in Michigan.

The Grocery Zone
By David Coverly

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ASK AFD
Q. If a person has a valid CCW permit, either registered and general, which would allow him to carry a gun on his person for business purposes, would he be in violation of Michigan gun laws if he is not the owner and uses the gun primarily to transport money from the store to the bank?

— J. H., Southfield

A. In Michigan, it is unlawful to possess a firearm in a store having an SOD or SDM license. Effective March 28, 1991, carrying a gun by an individual in a store other than the owner, is a misdemeanor. Persons who are required and/or entitled to carry a gun within the store must do so only for legitimate security services. It is, therefore, suggested that the individuals who will be armed should be listed as security with their names appearing on their badges, as well as the names of the stores.

A person with a valid CCW permit would not be in violation of this section.

If you have a question, please write to Sarah Humphreys, Associated Food Dealers, 18470 W. Ten Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075. Include your name, the name of your business, and your address.

LETTERS

What a pleasant surprise to find a check for $500 in the mail! We've been involved in a lot of different promotions, but this is the first time we've ever won anything.

Thanks again.

Ted and Paula Smith
Frisch's Bar, Midland
News from the Michigan Lottery

By Michigan Lottery Commissioner
Jerry Crandall

This is an exciting fall for the Michigan Lottery. We’re gearing up for our 20th year anniversary and setting several other projects in motion. Here’s a peek at some of our most recent activities:

**MICHIGAN LOTTERY TO UNVEIL NEW LOGO & UNIVERSAL SIGNAGE**

In celebration of the Michigan Lottery’s 20th anniversary next year, the Lottery will soon unveil a new logo and universal signage for all on-line retailers. The permanent retailer Lottery logo and universal signage will be installed at 4,000 retailers statewide. Universal signage installation is scheduled to begin this month and be completed in January 1992.

**NEW BARCODE SYSTEM MAKES VALIDATION PROCESS EASIER**

The Michigan Lottery will soon begin rolling out a new instant ticket validation system, called GVT, to retailers statewide at no cost to retailers. The GVT will allow retailers to validate instant tickets through the use of a barcode scanner, making the validation process both faster and more accurate.

In conjunction with the installation of the GVT, procedures will also be simplified to assist retailers with the accounting of instant tickets. Since the GVT will be connected to the Lottery central computer system, all accounting will be automated. The computer system will keep record of all instant tickets validated through the system and retailers will no longer need to return validated tickets to the Lottery.

The existing Touch Tone validation system will remain available for use, however, in case the barcode will not read. Retailers will also be able to manually enter the validation numbers through a keypad on the GVT. The new GVT system will operate from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

**SIX DETROIT STUDENTS COMPETE IN GTECH'S COMPUTER COMPETITION**

Six students (grades nine-11) from the Martin Luther King School of Detroit competed against students from three other states at the end of September in a computer contest sponsored by Lottery Technology Enterprises and GTECH Corporation, the on-line vendor for the Michigan Lottery. (Results of the contest were not in by the printing of this article.)

The contest, entitled “Preparing for the 21st Century Through the Use of Technology (A Student’s Perspective),” was designed to test the skills of six students from each school, competing in three different categories. The categories included fixed graphics, simple animated presentations and an open resource category.

The 24 finalists each received an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., where they presented their entries to a judging panel during the North American State and Provincial Lotteries annual convention. Prizes awarded included software, personal computers, multiple software packages and certificates of recognition for all participants of the contest.

**SUPREME COURT RULING ON LOTTERY PRIZES**

The Michigan Supreme Court recently upheld a 1989 ruling by the Michigan Appellate Court that states Public Act 516 of 1988, which made lottery prize winnings subject to state taxes, does not apply to individuals who won a lottery prize prior to Jan. 1, 1989.

**SUCCESSFUL “LOTTO SWEET 16 GIVEAWAY” COMES TO A CLOSE**

The final two “Sweet 16” winners were presented with the keys to their new cars on the “Michigan Lottery Megabucks Giveaway” TV game show. The “Sweet 16” second chance sweepstakes was a success, according to early estimates that indicate it may have helped increase sales during the usual slow summer months by as much as 4 or 5 percent. Listed below are the 16 winners:

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**Tips on spotting employee theft**

In a recent survey, 43 percent of supermarket employees admitted they had filched cash or property on the job. Unfortunately, supermarket workers aren’t the only ones that raid the company cookie jar. Any worker who runs a cash register has opportunity to steal. Here are some tips-offs:

• Is there an unexplainable pattern of low sales during a particular shift or at a particular register?
• Are there a lot of X tape readings? An X tape reading, usually done at the end of the day or shift, enables the cashier to find out how much cash should be in the drawer. Frequent readings could indicate a thief is trying to figure out the take. Also, a calculator near the register could mean the worker wants to make sure the tape agrees with the cash in the drawer.

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have dropped by 15 percent, according to NCA’s president Don Smith. The increased supplies and heavier weights have resulted in lower prices for producers. Retail prices always lag behind changes in live prices.

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Thanks to our Loyal Principles and Valued Customers for 25 Years of Continuous Growth
Correction of small inequities needed for liquor dealers

By John Dagenais

With recession woes and other problems falling upon many of our Michigan liquor retailers during the past few years, it is time for state government to take a long hard look at some of its rules and regulations affecting beverage retailers.

Seldom discussed and little known is the inequity existing in the license fee structure for SDD licensed retailers. The annual license starts with $150 but adds an additional $3 fee for each $1,000 of liquor purchased from the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) in excess of $25,000 during the previous calendar year—based on the "total retail value" of the alcohol beverages purchased.

Now here's the inequity. The LCC allows the retailer's discount of 17 percent on the LCC's "base price" determination which is that figure used before the addition of all those specific and excise taxes which are all part of the final retail selling price. Except for the retailer-collected state sales tax, AFD and Package Liquor Dealers Association had always contended that those specific and excise taxes were built-in as part of the final selling price of liquor. And for that matter, the discount afforded SDD retailers should be based on the total selling price prior to adding the state sales tax.

Incidentally, of all those specific taxes paid for by retailers in advance of their sale to the public, only the SDD or liquor store owner pays a 1.85 percent specific tax for alcoholic programs. The bar or Class C licensee does not pay the 1.85 percent tax for alcoholism. Talk about inequities!

In any event, the SDD license fee should be based on the same figure used to calculate the amount of discount.

Although we have long contended that LCC should pay for liquor delivery and several state studies have sanctioned that concept of paid service to the liquor retailer, state government refuses to budge. "Don't touch it and don't rock the boat," is what lawmakers say. But there exists an inequity in one area of Michigan when retailers must pay the delivery charges for liquor to one company and nobody else—with little to say as to who can deliver liquor when contract renewal time rolls around. The remainder of the state and all of its retailers are free to "shop around" and either select their own delivery system, or make arrangements to pick up their own liquor orders from LCC outlets.

Granted, this may be a necessary system to handle liquor deliveries from a large liquor warehouse serving thousands of liquor retailers, but retailers in that area should have more to say or some representation in meetings between LCC and any liquor delivery firm. For example, a few years ago when we experienced a severe gasoline shortage, the delivery company handling Wayne County retailers secured approval for a "gasoline surcharge" to meet additional costs of liquor delivery. That emergency passed, but chances are that the surcharge is still there as a part of the liquor delivery bill. It is not possible to secure representation at meetings between state government and their contractors. Our retailers should have some say on their costs if they are required to pay for their delivery of state merchandise... and our association could be that voice.

If you decide to sell your liquor store next year—say May 1992—and you have paid your annual license fee renewal—there's no money coming back to you. Likewise, the buyer of your business will pay a license fee for the entire year and not just for the time that the buyer takes hold of the business. This should be changed for a fair split of the license year between buyer and seller.

We are beginning to see a change of attitude by state government towards retailers in the manner that liquor sales are promoted. Certainly, one change needed to benefit the LCC, the retailer and the consumer would be relaxing the rules on sampling or tasting of alcohol products. We can only see the "open bottle or container on off-premise establishments" as being the regulation holding us back. Properly licensed and administered, there should see INEQUITIES, page 22

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For over 45 years we have serviced the Food Service Industry. Visit our showroom and ask about our current promotions...
AFD’s donation-per-unit scholarship program

The donation-per-unit program is an exciting way for retailers to get involved in the AFD scholarship program.

The program works by companies committing to donating a certain amount to AFD for each unit of their products sold. The money donated to AFD will go into a special trust fund for scholarships. That money will never be touched—the scholarships will be funded by the donations. Companies will be notified of their donations at the end of each month.

Two companies may participate at a time, and each company’s participation may last up to three months with a guaranteed donation of at least $5,000 per month. Companies will pass along incentives to retailers on the products, as well as award cash and prizes to those retailers who sell the most.

Retailers will be notified of details of the program each month through the Food & Beverage Report and through letters hand-delivered by their sales reps. Retailers will want to promote the designated products in their stores to support this worthy cause, too.

The donation-per-unit scholarship program kicks off next month with 7-Up’s 35-cent donation for every case of Hawaiian Punch sold in the months of November and December. (See ad on page 15 for details.)

AFD encourages other manufacturers to get involved in this exciting, profitable, and worthwhile program.

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Senator John Pridnia: friend of Michigan business

John Pridnia knows business. He should—at one point in his life he owned six of his own. The first-term state senator from Hubbard Lake has had his hands in fields as diverse as movies and mobile home parks. And he'd probably still be broadening his business horizons if he hadn't stumbled into the political arena.

Pridnia had a head for business early on in life. From his adolescent years working in the grocery business, including Najors—a small store on East Jefferson in Detroit—through his twenties with A&P and the Pfeister Company, John Pridnia absorbed all he could, rapidly advancing from position to position. At one time or another he had stayed with him: some day, some way, he was going to be his own boss. His goal probably had something to do with his father.

Pridnia owned a little warehouse for awhile in downtown Detroit, but gave it up to drive a truck, "Pridnia recalls, "His personal goal was to own his own business again, but he never made it."

Vowing not to let history repeat itself, the younger Pridnia headed north to Harrisville, a small town south of Alpena on the shores of Lake Huron. It was here where the future senator laid his entrepreneurial roots.

In the summer of '70 when the salmon were running strong, John Pridnia opened a bait shop. From this day forward, he was hooked on business.

"Things began to go so well that I started buying other spots I thought needed attention—nothing a little elbow grease and good service couldn't cure," Pridnia said. So over the next few years he began buying up the town, including a soft serve ice cream store, a movie theater, a motel, and a mobile home park.

John Pridnia likes to say that if he had any sense at all he would have retired for life in 1976. His initial $8,000 investment in the bait store had blossomed into a comfortable business empire. Yet the thrill he felt every time he headed down a new business path was irresistible.

Within one week in 1979, he steamrolled into two new fields—first buying a radio station in Tawas, then making plans for a small shopping center. A week later, the bottom dropped out of the economy. Pridnia can smile about it now—it wasn't so easy a decade ago.

"After all the plans for the two projects came together, the state and county began a disastrous decline," he recalls. Interest rates skyrocketed, and Pridnia saw his little nest egg slowly sneak from the roost. In 15 months alone, his radio station saw 14 major advertisers file for bankruptcy.

Stuck in an economic quagmire, Pridnia decided to take his solutions straight to the top. In 1982—with no prior political experience—he ran for the Michigan House of Representatives. The novice Republican candidate successfully held off 10 challengers in his party's primary, going on to win the general election. He hasn't looked back since, winning three more elections to the House.


"Before I sold most of my businesses in the early '80s (he still holds onto the mobile home park), it was becoming nearly impossible for me to pay for health care coverage for my employees. And it's getting worse." According to Pridnia, if costs continue to rise at today's pace, the annual health care cost for an individual will be $22,000 by the year 2000.

As the Senator from the state's largest district (the 36th is geographically larger than the state of Massachusetts), Pridnia sees how skyrocketing health costs affect the cornerstone of his district's population—the elderly.

"A large proportion of my district consists of retirees," Pridnia said. "It's not fair when someone works all their life and seeks a pleasant retirement up north, then finds themselves in poor health with no access to affordable health care."

Pridnia also stands firm when it comes to the positive impact government can have on businesses. The senator is confident that now is the time to act.

"I think that the collective resources of the various chambers of commerce, including the Detroit Chamber and the Michigan Chamber—together with various association groups—need to come together and pursue a consensus goal to realign the single business tax, workers comp, unemployment comp and health care costs," Pridnia said. "There are packages in the Senate today that need the proper support. If they make it through both legislative chambers and the governor signs them, business will see a real bright sunrise on the horizon."

According to the senator, the change in state leadership holds well for the future of Michigan business.

Pridnia speaks of a new age under Governor Engler where businesses provide employment by first providing a good, sound and affordable business climate.

That's good news for Michigan and for Michigan business. And based upon past performance, Senator John Pridnia will likely be leading the charge to a brighter future.

Avoiding tax problems when employing children

Congratulations—if you have children who can help out in your business. This can be advantageous for a number of reasons. Not only will it provide your children with an introduction to the "business world," but it can also provide you, the parent, with some important tax breaks. Your company can take a business deduction for the salary paid to a child (if it's reasonable). While this income is taxable to the child, his or her tax rate is likely to be lower than yours, which may give you the opportunity to save on total family taxes. And the child's standard deduction may shelter the wages from tax.

Additionally, children under 18 who are employed by their parents are exempt from FICA taxes.

In order to avoid IRS scrutiny, a few rules must be closely followed.

Bascially, you can deduct reasonable wages you pay to your dependent child provided your child is a bona fide employee. To show that your child is a bona fide employee, follow the 3 R's: reasonable, rendered, and records. What this means is that the amounts paid to the child must be reasonable for the services that the child actually rendered, and accurate records must be kept to support this. In a recent Tax court case, the court emphasized how important detailed records are. The court reduced a taxpayer's deductions for alleged salary payments to his child due to poor record keeping.

If you're thinking of employing your children, consult your tax advisor. He or she can offer advice on how to maximize all possible tax benefits.
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If you would be interested in obtaining more specific information about ADVO, please call Judy Mansur at AFD. Not only will you mailing costs be cut substantially, but you automatically will qualify for volume discounts since you are associated with AFD.
In order to qualify for these discounts, however, you must channel your information request directly to the AFD offices in Southfield, Michigan, (313) 557-9600.
AFP ON THE SCENE

Hiram Walker hosts gala party for AFD and its guests

The terrace along the Detroit River was a perfect place to enjoy a beautiful August evening over cocktails.

Louis Stephen, Amir Al-Naimi, Nina Antarsh, Hiram Walker General Manager Ed Antarsh and Nabby Yono chat during the cocktail hour.

LCC Commissioner Maxine Perry and her husband Lowell Perry converse over a delicious dinner.

Hiram Walker’s incoming president Don Coe and outgoing president Steve Eskoff addressed the crowd after dinner.

AFD staff member Judy Mansur prepares for takeoff.

Red Baron Frozen Pizza promotion gives staff members a lift

The Red Baron Squadron, a fleet of thundering super Stearmans, barnstormed over three locations in Michigan last month to promote Tony’s Pizza’s Red Baron Frozen Pizza line. They captivated audiences, as well as two AFD staff members who rode along, with their formations and aerobatic artistry.

Since 1979, the squadron has toured the country nine months out of the year to promote Red Baron Frozen Pizza and raise money for children’s benefits.

AFD 1992 Trade Dinner
“Sweetheart Ball”

Formal Dinner Dance on Valentine’s Day
• Cocktails • Hors D’Oeuvres
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The Associated Food Dealers of Michigan will present the 76th Annual Trade Dinner “Sweetheart Ball” on February 14, 1992. A limited number of corporate sponsorships are available. If interested, please call AFD for more information at 1-800-66-66-AFD. Your support is appreciated.

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  6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
• (5) Caricaturists
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• Emcee, Neal Shine

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Hawaiian Punch will donate 35¢ for each case of Hawaiian Punch at participating stores, during the month of November & December.

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Acme celebrates silver anniversary

Lots of growth. Lots of change. Lots of challenges.

That is how Acme Food Brokers President and CEO Ed Boccomino describes the 25 years that have passed since he began the company in 1966.

That year, Boccomino teamed up with Ed Willenborg, and the two food industry veterans started their brokerage business from scratch. They shared one desk and telephone between them in a tiny office in Dearborn.

Acme has had many changes over the last 25 years. The most obvious of which is its growth from two employees to about 100. In addition to housing its headquarters in its own spacious building in Oak Park, Acme has offices in Grand Rapids and Toledo, Ohio.

Willenborg retired last year, but Boccomino says their partnership was a fruitful and friendly one. "We had a good 24 years together," Boccomino says, adding the success of Acme is remarkable in itself. "There aren't many companies that started back then that are still around."

The biggest reason Boccomino believes Acme is still thriving is because it has adapted to the dramatic changes in the food industry brought on by the consolidation of chain grocery stores. Fewer individual customers for brokers to call on means fiercer competition.

Also, Boccomino explains, the shrinking customer field coupled with an increase in numbers of individual stores has enhanced the role of the broker in the service portion of the business. Manufacturers, he says, don't have the manpower to call on stores, so they need the brokers to act as retail merchandisers for them.

"We are a service," he insists. "And I like to think that we do a good job of satisfying our customers and manufacturers."

Several of the manufacturers Acme represents have been clients from the very beginning, including Pet, Inc., makers of Pet Milk, Progresso, Old El Paso Products, and B&M Baked Beans. Acme's other accounts include Land O' Lakes, Bumble Bee Tuna, Whitman's, Alberto Culver household division, Port Howard, and Arm & Hammer.

"Every year has been a record-breaking year," he says. "I'm very proud we built a strong, reputable company from scratch."

Growth, challenges and changes describe the next 25 years at Acme, too.

"The success of anyone in business today is having an open mind to the changes that are constantly occurring," Boccomino insists, adding that Acme, in anticipation of change, has been built to be ready to meet the challenges of the present and the future.

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Kehe Foods prepares for exciting cookie promotion

Anyone who thinks koala bears aren't native to Michigan hasn't been looking closely at supermarket shelves.

Brought to the Midwest's grocery shelves by Kehe Food Distributors, Koala Yummies cookies have taken the world by storm as the number one cookie in Japan.

Media blitz for Koala Yummies on the western side of Michigan has resulted in huge sales and profits. Southeastern Michigan is scheduled for major promotions in the beginning of 1992. And soon Koala Yummies will truly be a Michigan item as their production begins next month at a new plant in Battle Creek.

But Kehe Foods has a lot more to be excited about than just Koala Yummies. They are just one of the 10,500 products Kehe represents.

According to Cindy Moriconi, account manager for Eastern Michigan. Kehe is proud of its extensive variety of products, including dairy and deli items, and competitive prices. She says Kehe is always available to help customers and is always looking for more.

Established in 1958, operations are taken care of by more than 325 employees, but Kehe is still family-owned.

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Introducing, seven luscious creamy, frozen yogurts from London's: Vanilla, Strawberry, Peach, Raspberry, Blackberry, Black Cherry and Strawberry Banana, with chunks of real fruit. There's no better way to profit from America's most popular new treat!
While trying to increase the dietary fiber in her family's diet, Grace developed "Branizza" using her family's favorite meal—pizza. A simple combination of pizza sauce, lean ground beef, vegetables, mazzarella cheese and Kellogg's™ All-Bran™ cereal makes this pizza-style meat loaf a tasty and quick supper for a hungry crowd. Grace's "Branizza" is also great as a main dish at parties and potlucks. Busy chefs can make this dish when they have a few minutes during the weekend, then freeze it for later use.

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For more information, please contact Wolfe Frostop Company, Inc., P.O. Box 497, Savannah, TN 38372, or call toll-free 1-800-637-2523. In Tennessee: (901) 925-9082; Fax (901) 925-6228.

London's Dairy Products to debut in new K Mart Super Center Store

London's Farm Dairy of Port Huron has been awarded the rights as exclusive, full-line supplier for the new prototype K Mart Super Center Store which had its grand opening in Medina, Ohio, on July 22, 1991.

As the only full-service dairy supplier for the new pilot store, London's features its complete line of fluid milk, culture products such as sour cream, cottage cheese; yogurt; juice drinks; ice creams; ice milks and ice cream novelties.

The new K Mart Super Center Store operates with approximately 153,000 square feet of marketing space. It is the first store concept of its kind and is predicted to be one of a number of those planned for the future by the K Mart Corporation.

London's Farm Dairy is one of Michigan's largest dairies. London's has introduced many technological advances and has been the state's first dairy to computerize its business operation to maximize production and distribution. London's Farm Dairy distributes its complete line of dairy products to 2,000 retail outlets throughout Michigan.

Pressware trays now available in a variety of color options

Pressware allows foodservice and supermarket bakery/deli operators to have the best of both worlds for their take-out packaging by combining the market's most modern dual-ovenable trays along with a beautiful variety of color and graphics options.

Pressware trays are now available in three different designs: versatile "Classic Stoneware," "Country Cookin'" for that home-cooked look, and "Ebony Premier" upscale solid black trays. These color options allow operators to select graphic schemes which will enhance and complement their food presentations.

Based on technology developed for the world's top frozen food manufacturers, Pressware trays can be used in either the microwave or conventional oven at temperatures up to 400° F for 60 minutes. Pressware trays retain their shape, resist denting and will not crack at low temperatures. Best of all, Pressure trays are made primarily from paperboard, a renewable source.

Wolfe's new ice cream cone dispenser at NAFEM '91 Exhibition 

"Branizza" is also great as a main dish at parties and potlucks. Busy chefs can make this dish when they have a few minutes during the weekend, then freeze it for later use.

Filmco's Crustpak wicketed bakery bags now in custom sizes

Crustpak perforated, wicketed bakery bags are now available in custom sizes for special packaging applications. The new custom size bags can be made with various perforation patterns. The bags are made of durable, 80 gauge polypropylene which forms a strong seal for fast packaging without the worry of splitting.

Crustpak bags are used for creating pre-packaged, self-serve merchandising displays for crusty breads such as French, Italian and Vienna bread, oval Italian bread, rye bread, rolls and croissants. The microperforated bags allow oxygen to enter the package and moisture to escape at a slower rate, helping crusty bread products to keep their crisp texture longer.

In addition to the custom sizes, eight standard sizes are available.

For more information, please contact: Filmco Industries, Inc., 44202. Call toll-free: 800-545-8457 or (216) 562-6111. Fax: (216) 562-2740.

New modular ice cream cone dispenser to be shown at NAFEM

Modular Dispensing Systems, a division of Tomlinson Industries, will have a new model ice cream cone dispenser at NAFEM '91 Exhibition & Seminar in Atlanta, Geo., Oct. 12-15. The modular space saving designer series ice cream cone dispenser has a unique baffle system that dispenses flat-bottom cones in standard boxes or free stacked and keeps them fresh longer. The dispenser eliminates clutter and is handsonedly mounted on a wall, freezer or soft serve machine. It has a hinged door for easy loading.

The modular unit controls stock, reduces waste and breakdown and preserves flavor and freshness. The baffle completely disassembles for easy cleaning and is dishwasher safe.
At the personal request of Mikhail Gorbechev, Dr. Abel Aganbegyan, chairman of the Soviet Union’s Economic Council of Ministers and principle architect of perestroika, toured Foodland Distributors’ one million square foot wholesale food distribution facility last month to study and evaluate efficient food distribution systems. Foodland Distributors was chosen because Dr. Aganbegyan believes that “Foodland Distributors is a singularly outstanding firm.” Foodland Distributors is Michigan’s largest voluntary wholesale food distributor, serving 160 supermarkets.

Aganbegyan’s visit was part of a two-week tour of the United States. It was his hope that studying Western distribution methods would help his government implement a more efficient market economy. Even though the Soviet Union has an abundant food supply, the commodities rarely reach the consumer because of distribution problems. Often crops lie rotting in the fields while people stand in line for the few products that reach store shelves, Aganbegyan said.

Aganbegyan said his new knowledge of Western food distribution would be helpful when he returned to his homeland. While touring Foodland Distributor’s warehouse and 83,000 square foot freezer (the largest in Michigan), he was impressed with the huge inventory of food products. While riding on a golf cart through the facility with Foodland Distributor’s president and chairman of the board, Gregory F. Gallus, he remarked that it was the biggest he’s ever seen. Gallus explained each step of the food processing system—from the purchasing process through the loading and transport—of all the products Foodland Distributors supplies their customers. Store support services such as advertising and store merchandising consultation were also explained.

After the tour of the Foodland facility, Dr. Aganbegyan was taken to two of the stores that Foodland Distributors services—Kroger in Garden City and Ferndale Foodland in Ferndale. Again, Aganbegyan was impressed with their size as the average supermarket in the Soviet Union is the size of an American convenience store. He commented on the wide variety of meat, produce and dairy products. Also, the efficiency of customer services such as computerized cash register scanners.

Gallus was very pleased and honored that Dr. Aganbegyan wanted to take a closer look at Foodland Distributors’ operation. Gallus welcomes a continuing relationship. “If we can share ideas (with Soviet economists) about what we do efficiently, we welcome the opportunity.”

Abel Aganbegyan (center), chairman of the Economic Council of Ministers, explains the situation of the USSR’s food industry to a group last month when he was here to tour Foodland’s facilities. He is flanked by George Luff, his interpreter, and Gregory Gallus, president and chairman of Foodland Distributors.

UPDATE
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The information will enable FNS to ferret out more easily those engaged in food stamp fraud and abuse. The FNS issued a proposed rule Aug. 15 to implement the new law, which would require social security numbers of owners of sole proprietorships, the general partners of partnerships, and up to five of the largest shareholders of privately owned corporations. No social security numbers would be required of individuals of publicly held corporations.

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SAFETY
from page 17
dollar lawsuits against both CBS and
the NRDC, but the trial date is years
away.

The Chilean grape scare occurred
when inspectors found two grapes
among the thousands of bushels of
Chilean grapes imported into this
country had been contaminated with
cyanide. Following the turmoil of the
Alar situation, the Food and Drug
Administration immediately em­
bargoed 336,000 cases of Chilean
grapes, and a new panic was created.
The source, some agree, even the
fact of the tampering has never been
confirmed, and there is some
evidence that it did not occur in
Chile, but rather after it reached this
country. Inspectors found no other
evidence of tampering in the grapes
which were embargoed. The FDA
was accused by some as over-reacting
in embargoing all Chilean grapes,
rather than those only in the area
where the contaminated grapes were
found.

Be that as it may, the safety of
our food supply was a major story,
resulting in one daily newspaper run­
ing a front-page headline, “Is
Anything Safe to Eat?”

The problem with the Alar inci­
dent, which compounded the Chilean
grape incident, is that only one part
of a story was initially told, that
designed to create the most public at­
tention and get the most public reac­
tion. On most such controversial
issues, there are different interpreta­
tions of the same facts. Hardly a day
goes by when some scientific group
is not challenging another on the
relative importance of cholesterol in
the diet, the danger or lack of danger
in drinking coffee—or a hundred
other food-related questions. There is
seldom a clear-cut answer, at least
immediately, and the panic peddlers
usually get the most attention.

Dr. Rosen says, “Until we have
some better way to weigh the risks of
these things there is always going to
be another Alar scare.”

The retail food industry can only
continue to do what it has done in
the past—attempt to get the most
reliable and accurate information out
to shoppers as rapidly and efficiently
as possible when questions of food
safety arise. FMI provides
“backgrounders” to the industry and
to the media, which attempt to pro­
vide all the known, accurate informa­
tion on highly charged issues af­
cecting food retailers, and without taking
sides on the matter. It develops these
as rapidly as possible so retailers can
respond to the public concerns.

That the majority of the public
believes that our industry intends on­
ly to sell safe products is borne out
by the vote of confidence our in­
dustry receives.

INEQUITIES
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be no problem to allowing properly
approved SDD retailers from offering
a tasting of a particular alcohol
beverage within the store...especial­
ly new products!

Currently, on-premise licensees
and other classifications of beverage
licenses are allowed to conduct
sampling offerings or tastings. They
include a vendor of spirits, brewer,
wine maker, mixed spirit beverage
manufacturer, small wine maker,
outstate seller of beer, outstate seller
of wine, outstate seller of mixed
spirit beverage, or a market research
organization retained by one of the
license holders just listed—everyone
but the SDD-SDM licensee! Again, it
just doesn’t seem right and it should
be changed.

The majority of these problems
could be approached without in­
troduction of legislation through
amending LCC’s Administrative
Rules or requesting a Commission
Declaratory Ruling.

Finally, and because this
beverage alcohol industry is so com­
plicated and difficult to change, our
beverage industry should have a
representative sitting on the Board of
commissioners of the LCC. Prac­
tically all of the boards and commis­sions
serving Michigan have at least one
person representing the industry they
oversee and regulate. In the alter­
native, LCC should establish an
advisory committee made up of in­
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