Sec. 19-13-B43a. Artificial ice plants

No city, town, borough, institution, person, firm or corporation shall operate within the state any plant for the manufacture, processing or packaging of artificial ice for sale for domestic use or for any commercial use where the manufactured ice may be directly consumed or come in contact with food or drink, except after compliance with the following regulations:

(a) Water used in the manufacture of ice, including that used to clean surfaces that come in contact with the ice, shall be of a safe, sanitary quality from a public supply or from a private source approved by the state department of health or local director of health. Cross connections between water supply systems of approved quality with unapproved water supplies are prohibited, and piping and water supplied fixtures shall comply with section 19-13-B45.

(b) The manufacture, processing or packaging of ice shall be conducted in an area which is adequately lighted and ventilated and of proper construction. This area shall be used for no other purpose than the manufacture, processing or packaging of ice or for food storage, preparation, or service, and shall be physically separated from any other activity. All surfaces which come in contact with the ice must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. All precautions must be taken to prevent contamination of surfaces which come into contact with the ice.

(c) All sewage shall be disposed of in a public sewer or in accordance with sections 19-13-B20a through 19-13-B20r, inclusive, of the Public Health Code of the state of Connecticut. There shall be no direct waste connection between any ice making or storage unit and a sewer. Overhead sewers shall be located so as not to directly or indirectly contaminate the ice.

(d) Air used in the processing of ice shall be free of dust, dirt, insects or other contaminants.

(e) All utensils and equipment used to handle or otherwise manufacture ice, must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. These items must be made of such materials as to be smooth, impervious, nontoxic, anti easily cleaned.

(f) At all times during manufacture, storage, transportation and sale, ice shall be protected from contamination by dust, dirt or any other source of contamination.

(g) Toilet facilities shall be adequate and conveniently located. Toilet rooms shall be adequately lighted anti ventilated to the outside air. Doors shall be of the self-closing type and all openings to the exterior shall be properly screened to prevent the entrance of flies. Lavatories shall be conveniently located near the toilet facility. They shall he provided with hot and cold running water, a dispensed type soap and hand drying facilities. All toilet rooms and hand washing facilities shall he maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.

(h) All necessary measures must be taken to prevent the entrance of flies and vermin into ice manufacturing plants and transportation vehicles

(i) No person while affected with any disease in a communicable form, or while a carrier of such disease, shall work in any area of an ice plant in any capacity in which there is a likelihood of such person contaminating water, ice or ice-contact surfaces with pathogenic organisms, or transmitting disease to other individuals. All employees shall wear clean outer garments, maintain a high degree of personal cleanliness, and conform to good hygienic

practices while on duty. They shall wash their hands thoroughly with soap and warm water in an approved handwashing facility before starting work and as often as may be necessary to remove soil contamination. No employee shall resume work after visiting the toilet room without having washed his hands. Employees shall not use tobacco in any form in any room used for the manufacture, processing, packaging, or storage of ice.

(j) This section shall be printed and kept posted in a conspicuous place in the plant.

(k) No city, town, borough, institution, person, firm, or corporation shall operate within the state any plant for the manufacture of artificial ice for sale where the manufactured ice may be directly consumed or come in contact with food or drink without local permits or licenses if such permits or licenses are required by local ordinances or otherwise without registration of the name and business address with the local director of health of the town, city or borough in which the business is conducted.

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