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CHAPTER: 14	RELATED STANDARDS: U.S. Public Health Service – 2014 Food Code	
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- I. AUTHORITY: 29 Del. C. 89 § 8903 (4)(5)(7)
- II. PURPOSE: To establish policy and procedure for the Food Services (FS) unit for damaged and/or distressed merchandise.
- III. APPLICABILITY: All FS and security employees working within the FS unit.
- IV. DEFINITIONS:

Package Integrity – Food packages shall be received and held in good condition protecting the integrity of the contents so food is not exposed to adulteration or potential contaminants.

Segregation and Location – Products that are held for credit, redemption or return to the distributor, such as damaged, spoiled or recalled products, shall be segregated and held in a designated area that is separated from food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles.
- V. POLICY: To ensure consistent handling of distressed merchandise within the FS unit.
- VI. PROCEDURES: All FS unit employees shall comply with the 2014 Food Code, Package Integrity Chapter 3-2, sub part 3-202.15 and the Food Establishment Chapter 6-4, sub part 6-404.11.

Each facility will establish a procedure for package integrity, segregation and location, and disposal/return of distressed merchandise to include a posted sign indicating “Distressed Merchandise”.

Disposal of distressed merchandise shall be authorized by the vendor and handled accordingly. All returns of distressed merchandise should be sent to the Central Supply Warehouse.

