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TO: BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENTS
CHIEF PLUMBING INSPECTORS

FROM: George E. Berger, P.E.
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DATE: July 29, 1987

SUBJECT: RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT

The present procedure for the Department's acceptance of existing restaurant equipment is for a letter containing a list of the equipment to be submitted and reviewed by MEA. This letter is stamped "Accepted" upon verification by the Office and copies distributed to the owners and Borough Offices on approval.

The MEA Division letter, together with the Fire Department Ansul System letter presented to the Plumbing Division inspector, constitute the final requirements for issuance of a Gas Card.

With the increase publications of the accepted equipment, the following procedures will be instituted on August 3, 1987:

1. The letters from restaurant owners for equipment certification prior to the sign-off by the Plumbing Division will be referred to the Borough Offices for processing.
2. This letter shall contain a list of the type of equipment, manufacturers' names, model numbers and MEA number with a statement notarized by the owner authorizing agent that the "above equipment is entirely new and represents the only equipment being installed and operated in the restaurant".

3. Letters submitted by architects and engineers shall be countersigned and notarized by the owners as indicated in Item #2.
4. Recent vintage used equipment with model and serial numbers from the manufacturers may be accepted by the MEA Division.
5. When an existing restaurant with "grandfathered" equipment closes or changes ownership, the existing equipment will be declared illegal for the new owner, since no determination can now be made of the safety situation with the older equipment which was probably never tested and whose condition is at best questionable.
6. Checks of MEA acceptance will be required to be made by the Examiner and Plumbing Inspector as customarily done in the official review of other applications.


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