

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0310859 - GARAM MIRCHI LLC		Site Address 3413 E EL CAMINO REAL, SANTA CLARA, CA 95051		Inspection Date 01/22/2026	
Program PR0455378 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP13			Owner Name GARAM MIRCHI LLC		Inspection Time 14:00 - 15:30
Inspected By KATHY VO	Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By VIVEK	FSC Muhammad Tanvir Ahmed Shakib 08/08/2027	

Placard Color & Score
GREEN
91

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS	IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
		Major	Minor				
K01 Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						
K02 Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						
K03 No discharge from eyes, nose, mouth	X						
K04 Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						
K05 Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly	X						S
K06 Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						
K07 Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						
K08 Time as a public health control; procedures & records					X		
K09 Proper cooling methods	X						S
K10 Proper cooking time & temperatures	X						
K11 Proper reheating procedures for hot holding					X		
K12 Returned and reservice of food	X						
K13 Food in good condition, safe, unadulterated	X						
K14 Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized			X				S
K15 Food obtained from approved source	X						
K16 Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display						X	
K17 Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations						X	
K18 Compliance with variance/ROP/HACCP Plan						X	
K19 Consumer advisory for raw or undercooked foods						X	
K20 Licensed health care facilities/schools: prohibited foods not being offered						X	
K21 Hot and cold water available	X						
K22 Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	X						
K23 No rodents, insects, birds, or animals	X						

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES	OUT	COS
K24 Person in charge present and performing duties		
K25 Proper personal cleanliness and hair restraints		
K26 Approved thawing methods used; frozen food		
K27 Food separated and protected		
K28 Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29 Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		
K30 Food storage: food storage containers identified		
K31 Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32 Food properly labeled and honestly presented		
K33 Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34 Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35 Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity		
K36 Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use	X	
K37 Vending machines		
K38 Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39 Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40 Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		X
K41 Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices		
K42 Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
K43 Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44 Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing		X
K45 Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean		
K46 No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters		
K47 Signs posted; last inspection report available		

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K48	Plan review	
K49	Permits available	
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted	

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

K14 - 3 Points - Food contact surfaces unclean and unsanitized; 113984(e), 114097, 114099.1, 114099.4, 114099.6, 114101, 114105, 114109, 114111, 114113, 114115(a,b,d), 114117, 14125(b), 114141

Inspector Observations: Observed clean, wet dishes are stacked on top of each other without being properly air dried. [CA] Equipment and utensils must be air dried or properly stored to facilitate drying after sanitizing.

K36 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils, linens: Improper storage and use; 114074, 114081, 114119, 114121, 114161, 114178, 114179, 114083, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5

Inspector Observations: 1) Observed working knives stored in between preparation units. [CA] Equipment and utensils shall be securely stored in a clean and sanitary condition.

2) Observed multiple bowls without handles or scoop handles stored in direct contact with bulk ingredients. [CA] Provide scoops with handles to prevent direct hand contact with food. Store handles in such a way to prevent contamination.

K40 - 2 Points - Wiping cloths: improperly used and stored; 114135, 114185.1 114185.3(d,e)

Inspector Observations: Observed soiled wiping cloths stored directly on preparation counters. [CA] Wiping cloths shall be stored in an approved sanitizing concentration when not in use.

K44 - 2 Points - Premises not clean, not in good repair; No personal/chemical storage; inadequate vermin-proofing; 114067(j), 114123, 114143 (a,b), 114256, 114256.1, 114256.2, 114256.4, 114257, 114257.1, 114259, 114259.2, 114259.3, 114279, 114281, 114282

Inspector Observations: Observed hole in the wall in the piping nearby the 3-compartment sink. Per PIC, facility is in the process of repairing the wall. [CA] Seal all gaps in the facility. The facility shall be fully enclosed to prevent pest entrance and harborage.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
water	handwash sink (restroom)	100.00 Fahrenheit	
water	preparation sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
mango lassi	2-door upright cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
vegetable gravy	steam table	146.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked potato	2-door upright cooler	89.00 Fahrenheit	Cooling. Per employee, cooked 1 hour ago.
sanitizer (quatarnary ammonia)	bucket	200.00 PPM	
gravy	cook line	98.00 Fahrenheit	Cooling. Per employee, cooked less than 10 minutes ago.
sanitizer (quatarnary ammonia)	3-compartment sink	200.00 PPM	
water	handwash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
water	3-compartment sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
chickpea gravy	preparation counter	125.00 Fahrenheit	Cooling. Per employee, cooked less than 10 minutes ago.
chutney	walk-in cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
tofu	2-door preparation unit	41.00 Fahrenheit	
water	janitorial sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Observed facility conducts cooling of more than 3 items: chickpea gravy, lentils, chutneys, etc. Permit category shall be adjusted upon review.

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When required to determine compliance, a single reinspection will be conducted without additional charge. If subsequent reinspections are required, an hourly fee (minimum one hour) at the current rate approved by the Board of Supervisors will be assessed for each and every reinspection until the necessary changes or corrections are made. Unless otherwise noted by the inspector, all violations are to be corrected no later than 2/5/2026. Any major change in menu or any change in ownership must have prior approval by this Department. This may require structural and/or equipment changes or remodeling to accommodate new operations.

Legend:

- [CA] Corrective Action
- [COS] Corrected on Site
- [N] Needs Improvement
- [NA] Not Applicable
- [NO] Not Observed
- [PBI] Performance-based Inspection
- [PHF] Potentially Hazardous Food
- [PIC] Person in Charge
- [PPM] Part per Million
- [S] Satisfactory
- [SA] Suitable Alternative
- [TPHC] Time as a Public Health Control



Received By: Vivek Jain
Owner

Signed On: January 22, 2026