

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0289680 - SANTA FE MERCADO Y CARNICERIA		Site Address 1520 SOUTHWEST EX 60, SAN JOSE, CA 95126		Inspection Date 09/22/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 91		
Program PR0434506 - NO FOOD PREP 5,000-20,000 SQ FT - FP07			Owner Name SANTA FE MERCADOS INC		Inspection Time 09:50 - 11:30			
Inspected By HELEN DINH		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By CARLOS (M)				FSC Carlos Garcia 5/1/29

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						S
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						
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						S
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records					X		
K09	Proper cooling methods					X		
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	X	
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	X	
K36	Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use		
K37	Vending machines		
K38	Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39	Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40	Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
K41	Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices		
K42	Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained	X	
K43	Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44	Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing		
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

K23 - 3 Points - Observed rodents, insects, birds, or animals; 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5

Inspector Observations: Found several flies outside off food facility and in warehouse storage area. [CA] Each food facility shall be free of pest such as flies. Continue to provide approved pest control services.

K30 - 2 Points - Food storage containers are not identified; 114047, 114049, 114051, 114053, 114055, 114067(h), 114069 (b)

Inspector Observations: Found boxes and container of food stored on floor in walk-in-freezer. [CA] Food shall be stored a minimum of 6 inches off the floor.

K35 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils - Unapproved, unclean, not in good repair, inadequate capacity; 114130, 114130.1, 114130.2, 114130.3, 114130.4, 114130.5, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114139, 114153, 114155, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114177, 114180, 114182

Inspector Observations: Found an oven on site. Previous inspection noted review needed. Operator did not submit equipment exempt. Facility current permit is an FP07 where no food prep allowed on site. [CA] New and/or replacement food equipment shall be certified or classified for sanitation by an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited certification program (e.g. NSF, UL EPH, UL Sanitation, CSA Sanitation, or ETL Sanitation). Facility shall submit for equipment exemption to plan check program and/or receive food items from Santa Fe Foods (PR0304415).

Follow-up By 09/25/2025

K42 - 2 Points - Garbage and refuse improperly disposed; 114244, 114245, 114245.1, 114245.2, 114245.3, 114245.4, 114245.5, 114245.6, 114245.7, 114245.8

Inspector Observations: Found garbage, recyclable and compost bin stored in back warehouse area food items are stored. There is a foul odor in the area and flies are more prevalent. Per operator, facility gets their garbage, compost and recyclable once a week. [CA] Refuse containers shall be collected or cleaned frequently enough to minimize the development of objectionable odors or conditions that attract or harbor insects or rodents.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
sausage	grab n go	41.00 Fahrenheit	
shrimp	(6x) 2 door sliding display case	37.00 Fahrenheit	
meat	walk-in-freezer	4.90 Fahrenheit	
chicken	(6x) 2 door sliding display case	41.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	warewash/(2x) 2-comp/1-comp	120.00 Fahrenheit	
cheese	grab n go	40.00 Fahrenheit	
shell eggs	reach in	40.00 Fahrenheit	
warm water	handsink (front, prep, warewash & 2RR)	100.00 Fahrenheit	
beef	(6x) 2 door sliding display case	41.00 Fahrenheit	
crema	(6x) 2 door sliding display case	38.00 Fahrenheit	
chicarrones with meat	2 door warmer display case	141.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	warewash	100.00 PPM	
meat	walk-in	40.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Note: Facility is currently selling rotisserie chicken. Observed rib rack being cooked in oven at the front service area. Further evaluation will be noted.

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- Current permit on file does not allow food preparation on site.

A follow-up inspection shall be conducted.

****Subsequent follow-up inspection after first follow-up shall be billed \$298/hour one hour minimum, during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM), or \$645 for a minimum of two hours, during non business hours and in accordance with the inspector's availability.**

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 **10/6/2025**. 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

Carlos Garcia

Received By: Carlos Garcia
Store Manager
Signed On: September 22, 2025