

which may be used in food and food-related areas. FSPID may be contacted in this regard.

Is it advisable to use rodent baits in food areas?

No. Animals may contaminate food with bait which would be hazardous to the consumer. Bait may only be used if food is in rodent proof containers.



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HOW TO PREVENT INFESTATION

Questions & Answers

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What does the term “infestation” mean?

“Infestation” means the presence of rodents, insects, mites or fungi in numbers or under conditions which pose a potential immediate risk of damage or loss of food

Are cats allowed to be used to control rats and mice in food establishments?

No, cats are not an acceptable means of deterring or controlling rats or mice. Cat may carry disease-causing fleas and other organisms on their bodies. They may also contaminate food with their hair, faeces and urine.

May food be stored on the floor?

If the container is waterproof then food may be stored on the floor. If not, food must be stored on pallets raised 10 cm off the ground.

If there is a space constraint may food be stacked against walls?

No, food must be stacked clear of all walls by at the least 60cm. This is to allow for:

- (i) proper cleaning;
- (ii) proper inspection and
- (iii) prevention of contamination.

What are the building requirements for the proper storage of food?

Under Regulation 4(i) of the FSPI Law, any place where food is kept

must be of sound construction. Roofs must be weatherproof and the floor impermeable. Walls must be smooth, light in colour, free from cracks and crevices and cleaned regularly. All openings for ventilation must be covered with ¼ inch mesh.

May all pesticides registered in the island be used in food areas?

No, FSPID has an approved list of active ingredients of pesticides