

Health Regulations for Coffee, Nuts & Almonds Roasting & Grinding Shops

Article (1): A municipal licence for the shop shall be obtained from the concerned municipality prior to practising the activity.

Article (2): Every person working in the shop shall have a valid health card issued by the concerned authority and such persons shall be subject to annual medical examination, or whenever necessary, and proper action shall be taken in light of the results of the examination.

Article (3): Workers shall wear a suitable uniform, caps and masks to cover their noses.

Article (4): The shop shall be located in a suitable site and shall be provided with the necessary electric shock insect trapping device which shall be placed away from roasting, grinding and sale sections. All openings shall be covered with wire mesh, the floor shall be made of suitable tiles, the walls and ceiling shall be coated with light oil paint and sufficient light shall be provided.

Article (5): A First Aid Kit shall be provided.

Article (6): The requirements of the Directorate-General of Civil Defence (ROP) shall be adhered to.

Article (7): The shop shall be divided into three sections:

First section: Storage place: -

a) All health regulations for foodstuff stores shall be adhered to.

Second section: Roasting and grinding place where the following requirements shall be adhered to:

a) The roasting oven shall be connected with the chimney by a tightly-jointed pipe to a height of 3 three metres above the surrounding buildings and within a circle of 25 metres radius and the top of the chimney shall be covered with a conical cover to prevent entry of birds and rain.

- b) A gap of not less than one metre in width shall be left between the machines, roasting and grinding ovens, and the wall.
- c) Exhaust fans shall be fitted, to suck out smoke and husks resulting from roasting and grinding.
- d) Stainless metal or lined wooden boxes shall be provided for the safekeeping of products after roasting and grinding.

Third section: Display and sale place where the following requirements shall be adhered to:

- a) Provision of stainless metal or glass containers or cabinets, of a height not less than 30 cm from the floor level, divided into several divisions with glass covers for placing roasted or ground coffee, nuts and almonds.
- b) Plastic or stainless metal scoops shall be used for packing nuts and coffee and they shall not be packed by hand.
- c) One or more air-conditioner shall be fixed according to the area of the place.

- The three sections shall be separated by swing doors.

Article (8): The nuts, almonds and coffee intended to be ground shall be suitable for consumption and free from mites and insects. Production and expiry dates together with the country of origin shall be labelled on each package.

Article (9): No colouring matter shall be added to nuts, almonds and coffee during roasting and grinding. All materials used for packaging and sale of nuts, almonds and coffee shall be clean and labelled with the commercial name of the establishment.

Article (10): When roasting and grinding spices, separate machines other than those used for nuts, almonds and coffee roasting and grinding shall be used.

Article (11): The regulations of foodstuff repackaging shops shall be adhered to when repackaging roasted and ground coffee, nuts and almonds.