

**TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 2: HEALTH**

**§ 2129. Inspection Reports; Demerit Values; Demerit Scores.**

(a) Whenever the Health Inspector makes an inspection and discovers that any provision of this Act or regulations promulgated thereunder has been violated, he shall record his findings on an inspection report form for the permit holder or person in charge. For each violation of a critical control point a demerit value shall be assigned as established in regulations promulgated pursuant to this Act. Upon completion of an inspection, the Health Inspector shall total the demerit point values for all requirements in violation, such total becoming the grade for the establishment. Grades shall be based on the following demerit scores:

(1) Grade A - An establishment having a score of not more than ten demerits.

(2) Grade B - An establishment having a score of more than ten, but not more than twenty.

(3) Grade C - An establishment having a score of more than twenty, but not more than thirty.

(b) An establishment with a score of more than thirty demerits shall be considered an imminent health hazard and shall not be granted a sanitary permit, or in the case of a renewal, shall be subject to immediate suspension and closure as specified in 3 CMC § 2135(a). Immediately following such a grading during an inspection, the Health Inspector shall post a closure notice placard in an obvious location at the front door of the establishment to alert the public. Anyone other than the Secretary or a Health Inspector is prohibited from removing this placard.

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