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Foreword

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0 Introduction

Food delivery services have been gaining popularity in Singapore over the last few years, with consumers willing to pay for the convenience. In particular, with the recent Covid-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in the demand for food delivery services, with food establishments seeking ways to boost their revenue. These guidelines aim to ensure the hygienic transportation of ready-to-eat (RTE) food from the source(s) to consumers. The key considerations during food transportation include keeping the food protected from contamination and ensuring that the food items are maintained at the correct temperatures. These guidelines also include recommendations for contactless delivery under situations which require safe distancing.

1 Scope

This standard provides guidance for delivery service providers covering the handling of RTE food at food establishments and during transportation until it reaches the consumers.

The guidelines aim to describe the best practices for the delivering of RTE food. It provides recommendations covering the following aspects:

- (a) Food safety practices at food establishments (including food packaging);
- (b) Food safety practices during handling and delivery;
- (c) Emergency preparedness; and
- (d) Food traceability

This standard does not cover delivery of non-ready-to-eat (non-RTE) food products that require additional preparation and reheating/cooking by consumers.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this standard.