FOOD FACILITY APPROVED CEILING MATERIALS

When selecting a ceiling material for a particular application, several things, such as type and frequency of maintenance, sound attenuation, fire control, etc., should be taken into account. No one ceiling material is suitable for every type of application. If you have any doubt as to the suitability of a product for an application, verify it with the manufacturer.

When installing a ceiling, the following items must be noted:

1. Ceiling finishes in food storage, food preparation, utensil washing, refuse storage, janitorial areas, service areas, toilet rooms and employee change/clothing storage areas shall be smooth without texture. Painted surfaces shall be gloss or semi-gloss enamel paint, or epoxy paint.
2. Open beam or rafter ceilings are not acceptable except at bars in which alcoholic beverages are sold or served directly to the consumers, customer dining or sales areas, and storage rooms where only food in unopened bottles, cans, cartons, sacks, or other original shipping containers is stored.
3. Surface mounted piping is not approved. Piping, ducts, and conduits of all types must be properly concealed within walls or above the finished ceiling.
4. Attachments to ceilings such as light fixtures, mechanical room ventilation systems components, vent covers, wall-mounted fans, decorative items, and other attachments shall be easily cleanable. However, exposed horizontal duct work is not permitted except in customer dining or sales areas.

The following types of ceiling materials are approved for use and meet the requirements for installation within the areas specified above:

- **Armstrong** [http://www.armstrong.com](http://www.armstrong.com) (877)ARMSTRONG
  - Clean Room VL Unperforated.
  - Clean Room FL

- **USG** [http://www.usg.com](http://www.usg.com) (800)950-3839
  - USG Stipple White #3270
  - USG Clean Room Climaplus

- **CertainTeed** [www.certainteed.com/ceilings](http://www.certainteed.com/ceilings) (800)233-8990
  - Performa Vinylrock

- **Gold Bond Brand** [www.nationalgypsum.com](http://www.nationalgypsum.com) (704) 365-7300 / (800)628-4662
  - Gridstone Ceiling Panels
NOTE: Alternative ceiling materials may be evaluated and approved if acceptable. Please submit samples and manufacturer specification sheets for review by this department.

GYPSUM BOARD
Gypsum board may be used, however, it must be smooth finished and painted with a light-colored enamel or semi-gloss paint. Textured gypsum board surfaces are not acceptable.

PLASTER
Plaster may be used. The finish shall be smooth (non-textured) and light in color.

The above information has been provided by the manufacturers/distributors. No warranty is expressed or implied.

Be sure to contact your local Building or Fire Officials regarding the use and installation of the above materials.