TCS FOOD & DATE-MARKING CHEAT SHEET

TIME/TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR SAFETY (TCS) FOODS INCLUDE

1. Animal foods
2. Heat-treated plant foods
3. These 5 *raw* plant foods
   a. Cut leafy greens
   b. Cut melons
   c. Cut tomatoes
   d. Seed Sprouts
   e. Garlic in oil mixtures

NOTE: TCS foods can be rendered non-TCS by modifying pH and/or Water activity

FOODS THAT REQUIRE DATE-MARKING (MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS)

1. TCS foods AND
2. Ready-to-eat AND
3. Prepared/opened in the establishment AND
4. Held for more than 24 hours

TCS FOODS THAT DO <u>NOT</u> REQUIRE DATE-MARKING

1. Commercially prepared deli salads
2. Raw animal foods
3. Hard and semi-soft cheeses
4. Cultured dairy products (yogurt, sour cream, buttermilk)