

ACO Drain - USDA Approvals

ACO Drain products have been granted USDA approval for use in federally inspected food processing plants. USDA approval is concerned with materials that are part of the environment where food and drink are processed. These materials do not come into contact with the processed food and drink. All elbow and tee joints must be cut and mitered. Fittings are not allowed.

FDA approval is not required for our products. The FDA is concerned with materials that actually contact food and drink prior to human consumption. ACO Drain products only contact food and drink as they are being disposed of.

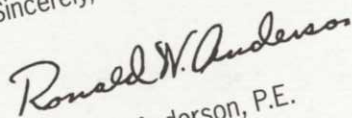
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

Gentlemen:

ACO Surface Drainage System is acceptable for use in federally inspected meat and poultry plants when bedded on three (3) sides with sufficient concrete to maintain alignment. The plastic elbow and tee are not acceptable. The trench drain must be open for inspection until it drops into the trapped discharge.

Any unsanitary condition arising as a result of improper installation or maintenance will be cause for the USDA inspector to require correction.

Sincerely,



Ronald W. Anderson, P.E.
Mechanical Engineer
Facilities Group
Technical Services
Meat and Poultry Inspection Program